

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD ROOM, LEVEL 14 PASTORAL HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 4TH AND 5TH APRIL 1979 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs M.G. Stuckey (in Chair), P. Marshall, P. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake and I.J. Dickinson.

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary, G.A. Beard.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: Before taking the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and advised that the Executive had a fairly detailed agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4/5 December 1978, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Cloake/Berry.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- 1) RE HUBOMETERS: The Executive secretary reported that provided a diary of "off road" running was kept there would be little trouble in securing refunds. Noted.
- 2) VIPERS BUGLAS: Mr Dickinson pointed out that Vipers Buglas was not now included in the schedule of noxious weeds. This was covered in Regulations effective from April 1st 1979. It was resolved

"1) THAT COPIES OF THE REGULATIONS BE OBTAINED FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2) THAT THE MATTER BE BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF THE EDITOR."

- 3) DIPLOMA COURSE: It was noted that the Institute of Horticulture had written relative to the Diploma in Apiculture and its future.

In the ensuing discussion members expressed the view that persons taking up beekeeping should do stages 1 and 2. Also members questioned from where the Reference books could be obtained. In reply to an office circular Mr Marshall had suggested that the Diploma Course could include Workshop Safety.

It was duly resolved

"THAT A DISCUSSION MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, MR FOUBISHER, BE ARRANGED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN CHRISTCHURCH IN JULY.

- 4) FOOD AND HYGIENE REGULATIONS: Mr Cloake reported that a meeting of Health Department officers met in Conference in Timaru. It was really a briefing and information meeting. Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that all industry matters would be handled by the Under-Secretary Mr R.L.G. Talbot. Received.

D.S.I.R. ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION: Advising the steps that were in train in respect of the control of wasps.

In the ensuing discussion Mr Cloake reported that wasps in South Canterbury were especially difficult at present.

It was resolved

- "1) THAT THE D.S.I.R. LETTER BE REFERRED TO THE EDITOR.
- 2) THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE MAKING THE SUGGESTION THAT WASPS BE ACCEPTED AS A NOXIOUS INSECT."

MR CHRIS. DAWSON: Tendering from a date to be agreed his resignation as Industry Librarian.

The Chairman said the Industry at large would be sorry to lose a highly respected man and one who had been a most worthy librarian.

It was resolved

"THAT THE RESIGNATION OF MR CHRIS DAWSON FROM THE OFFICE OF LIBRARIAN ON A DATE TO BE AGREED, BE RECEIVED WITH REGRET, AND THAT HE BE THANKED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDUSTRY IN THIS CAPACITY."

In respect of the location of the Library it was decided to hold this over until Mr Dawson was present the following day.

MR M.W. BALLANTYNE - Southland Branch: Re disastrous honey crop. Mr G. Walton to report the following day.

EUROPEAN FOOD STANDARD FOR HONEY: A copy of the Standard was tabled. The Executive decided that provisions appeared satisfactory.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Re amendment to Hive Regulations. Received and noted.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Advising that in respect of Honeydew honey it had no intention to involve itself in the export marketing of honeydew honey. The H.M.A. did advise that it would consider purchasing honeydew honey if it should be offered. Received.

MOUNTAIN BEECH APIARIES: Secretary, Honeydew Honey Association. Received.

HAWKES BAY BRANCH: Advising that it had covered 1978 Conference expenses adequately and was able to return the \$100 advance accordingly. Received.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that there was to be no change in the 1979 honey prices.

The Executive Committee discussed the question in general terms. As an aside it was claimed that there was insufficient interest in the Authority by suppliers, and also that non suppliers held the majority view. The discussion then lapsed.

PESTICIDES BILL: Mr Paul Marshall reported on his and the Executive Secretary's attendance at the Select Committee meeting. The point of view of the Association had been put as earlier decided. Mr Marshall indicated that the Association's membership could be in some jeopardy. Received.

H.M.A. - VOTING ENTITLEMENT: In response to its circular to Branches and Commercial beekeepers the Association had received a number of replies. In general the replies indicated support for the proposal. A similar position applied in respect of the size of the Authority. After discussion it was resolved

- "1) THAT A MEMO SETTING OUT THE VARIOUS VIEWS ON BOTH QUESTIONS BE PREPARED AND CIRCULATED.
- 2) THAT THE QUESTION BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING/CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES."

FEDERATED FARMERS - SMALL FARMING GROUPS: The Chairman reported that he and the Executive Secretary had attended a special meeting of the "group" and a worthwhile exchange of viewpoint had resulted. The Chairman indicated that he favoured the proposal to have two meetings of the "group" a year - both the Chairman and Executive Secretary would attend. The Association could then drop off the Dominion Council.

It was resolved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION SUPPORT THE SETTING UP OF A SECTION COUNCIL ON A FAIRLY INFORMAL BASIS TO CATER FOR THE SMALL FARMERS GROUP AND THAT IT MEET TWICE A YEAR - FEBRUARY AND JULY BEING THE PREFERRED MEETING TIMES."

MR R. DAVIDSON: Submitting remit for Conference Agenda - received and transferred to Conference Order Paper.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Forwarding copy of the Honeydew Honey Seminar.
Received.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE - AUCKLAND: Requesting names and addresses of Executive Committee and staff. Referred to Executive Secretary for reply.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: Advising amendments to 1968 regulations.
Resolved

"THAT A COPY BE CIRCULATED TO BRANCHES"

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS: Explanatory memorandum prepared by Department of Health.

The Executive Secretary reported that the Brochure was currently being printed. Noted.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION WITH (a) Mr Trevor Walton, Editor Beekeeper.
Mr Dickinson raised a matter which was discussed and included in the matters to be raised the following day.
(b) Mr Cloake also raised a point on grading he wished raised with Mr Graeme Walton.

ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD DECEMBER 1978/JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 1979:

A Schedule of Accounts paid December 1978/March 1979 was tabled for consideration. It was moved

"THAT THE PAYMENTS MADE IN THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1978 - MARCH 1979 AND COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED FROM No. 122693 TO No. 127730 AND TOTALLING \$9667.31 BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED."

Clissold/Cloake Carried

1979 BUDGET: The Budget was tabled and received.

HIVE LEVY ACCOUNT REPORT: The following position was reported

Number Paid	300		\$2909.59
" Still to Pay	33	(Est. Amt O/S)	1500.82
" Defferred	5		892.67
		Approx. Total	<u>\$ 31488.08</u>

The Executive Secretary advised that registered letters would be sent to non payers the following week. The report was received.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/78: The audited accounts for the year ended 31/12/68 were tabled and received on the motion of Messrs Cloake/Clissold.

CONFERENCE 1979 - RUSSEY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH: The Executive Secretary reported that the Canterbury Branch had arrangements well in hand and he would try and see Mr Scott the next time he was in Christchurch on 19 April.

The associated matters were resolved as under:

- "1) THAT MR R.L.G. TALBOT, UNDER-SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BE INVITED TO "OPEN" CONFERENCE.
- 2) THAT HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF CHRISTCHURCH BE INVITED TO WELCOME MEMBERS AND DELEGATES.
- 3) THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF H.M.A. BE INVITED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE.
- 4) THAT MESSRS P. CLINCH AND G. WALTON BE INVITED TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO CONFERENCE.
- 5) THAT AN APPROPRIATE ADVICE MEMORANDUM BE CIRCULATED TO BRANCHES."

CHANGE OF RULES: The advice from the Association's Solicitor was tabled. The change to the Rules was aimed at allowing members attending remit meetings to carry their votes to Conference before handing them to the Branch Delegate for casting. It was resolved

- "1) THAT A SPECIAL MEETING BE CONVENED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND IF THOUGHT FIT ADOPTING RULE CHANGES TO RULES 17 AND 24.
- 2) THAT PROVISION ALSO BE MADE IN THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA FOR A CHANGE OF RULES TO RULE 14 (E). (NOTE: THIS SECTION OF RULE 14 RELATES TO THE VOTING ENTITLEMENT OF MEMBERS. THE EXECUTIVE CONSIDERED THAT IF THERE SHOULD BE GENERAL ACCEPTANCE BY CONFERENCE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE H.M.A. VOTING ENTITLEMENT A SIMILAR CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE TO ASSOCIATION RULES)."

(Minute Note: The Executive Committee noted that as the Rule changes had to be noted first by the Registrar, they could not be used until that date, which would be some weeks after the "Special" Meeting.)

HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS - DRAFT AMENDMENTS: Also present Mr G. Walton, Advisory Officer (Apiculture) Ministry of Agriculture.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mr Walton and said there were a number of matters members wished to discuss with him.

In the discussion on amendments to the Export Regulations Mr Walton displayed the objectives of the proposed regulations. Mr Walton also pointed out that it was policy to examine very carefully the need of regulations. It was noted too that some of the provisions related to international operations.

In the ensuing discussion many aspects were covered including Condition, Grading, (2nd opinion), Industrial Honey and fumigation of comb honey.

Mr Walton pointed out that it was unlikely that Amendments would be enacted this year.

In respect of the regulations and the need to have them it was resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE NEED
TO HAVE EXPORT REGULATIONS FOR HONEY."

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED WITH MR WALTON:

- 1) HONEY GRADING: Mr Cloake raised the question of sweet clover flavour. Mr Walton advised that the matter was under action.
- 2) ADVISORY OFFICER LOCATION IN HASTINGS: Mr Marshall enquired whether the petrol situation could now warrant the location of an advisory officer in Hastings. Mr Walton indicated that there was no intention of basing an officer in Hastings.
- 3) GRADING - SAMPLING: An enquiry was put to Mr Walton asking whether a producer could ask for a re-sampling. Mr Walton pointed out that as a general rule re-sampling was not done, but if it was requested then it should be available.
- 4) POOR CROPS IN SOUTHLAND/OTAGO: The matter had been raised by the Southland Branch and had been actioned subsequently by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Mr Walton advised that Government had now agreed to low interest loans being made available in cases of hardship. It was necessary for the affected beekeepers to make application to the Rural Bank in his area. A letter from the Minister could be expected shortly.

The question of the basis of relief for grain producers was raised by Mr Clissold and it was left to the Executive Secretary to enquire of Federated Farmers and report.
- 5) CONFERENCE 1979 - M.A.F. SEMINAR: Mr Walton reported that arrangements to hold the seminar on the Tuesday (24 July) would be under the direction of Mr John Smith.
- 6) AMERICAN BROOD DISEASE: Mr Walton reported a substantial increase in the incidence of Brood disease. The M.A.F. was considering a revised approach.
- 7) REMIT 20 EX NORTHLAND: Hive Forms: The matter had been noted and would be considered again when the Apiaries Act was under study.

The Chairman thanked Mr Walton for his attendance.

THE LIBRARY: In attendance Mr Chris Dawson the Librarian. Please note the earlier reference in the minutes that Mr Dawson had tendered his resignation.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dawson to the meeting and expressed the regret of all to Mr Dawson that he felt the time had come when he should hand over to someone else. The industry owed Mr Dawson a very great deal indeed and he would be missed by a wide circle in the industry.

The Executive wished to discuss the likely future arrangement in respect of the library.

Mr Dawson in commenting made the following points:

- 1) That the Librarian should know something about beekeeping or had ready access to someone who did. In respect of the two offers from the Christchurch area neither in his view would be suitable.
- 2) An offer of \$100 had been made in support of the establishment of a cassette library. Mr Dawson indicated he would like to organise and run this new addition for a period.
- 3) The library catalogue had not been revised but it could be when the shift was made.

- 4) It was pointed out that the Library Service was available to only Association members.

ARISING:

- 1) Re Cassetts Library Establishment: It was resolved
"THAT A \$100 BE ALLOCATED TO AUGMENT THE \$100 DONATED PRIVATELY AND THAT THE LIBRARIAN BE AUTHORISED TO PROCEED ACCORDINGLY."
- 2) Librarian Replacement: It was resolved
"THAT THE MATTER BE HELD OVER AND DISCUSSED AGAIN AT THE JULY MEETING."

Mr Dawson retired from the meeting at this stage.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: It was resolved unanimously

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE 1979 ANNUAL MEETING THAT MR CHRIS DAWSON BE MADE A LIFE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION."

BEEKEEPER: Also present - the Editor Mr T. Walton.

The Executive discussed the following matters with the Editor.

- 1) Food Hygiene Circular: Mr Walton confirmed that the circular memo was now being printed. Noted.
- 2) Re Disease Resistant Queen Bees: Moved
"THAT IN KEEPING WITH ESTABLISHED POLICY THE ASSOCIATION NOT ACCEPT ADVERTISING FOR QUEEN BEES FROM THE STRATFORD COMVITA LABORATORIES LTD."

Dickinson/Marshall Carried

- 3) June Issue: It was noted that the "deadline" was mid May.
- 4) Letters to Editor: One letter was the subject of discussion.

The Editor left the meeting at this stage.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) BEE CLUBS: Resolved
"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ENQUIRE FROM THE SOLICITOR WHETHER AN INCORPORATED BEE CLUB COULD BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION."

NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Resolved

- "1) THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN THE RUSSLEY HOTEL CHRISTCHURCH ON MONDAY THE 23RD JULY 1979 AND IF NECESSARY IT CONTINUE ON THE TUESDAY."
- 2) THAT THE H.M.A. BE ADVISED OF THIS MEETING DATE AND TIME."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION:

The Executive Secretary reported that the following members would retire by rotation

- 1) South Island - Mr I.J. Dickinson
- 2) North Island - Messrs P. Berry and M.G. Stuckey.

Messrs Berry and Dickinson advised the meeting they would not be seeking re-election.

It was resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CIRCULATE THE ELECTION TIMETABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PROPOSED VISIT TO WALLACEVILLE:

Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH MR CLINCH IN CHRISTCHURCH IN JULY."

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.55 p.m.

M.G. Stuckey Chairman
23 July 79 Date

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LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 1979

122693	P.I.C.	1288.71	(Fee)
4	Waterloo Hotel	173.80	(Ex. C. Accom.)
5	M.G. Stuckey	17.80	(Ex. C. Exes)
6	P. Marshall	8.90	" "
7	Agpress	1132.48	(Beekeeper)
8	M. Stuckey	195.14	(Honoraria)
9	P.A.Y.E.	15.82	"
7700	Govt. Printer	2.00	
1	Addressograph	27.09	(Plates)
2	Bulkair	300.00	
3	Ross Haines & Son	40.41	(Books)
4	Agpress	607.02	(Beekeeper)
5	R. Haines & Son Ltd	79.90	(Books)
6	Agpress	904.05	(Beekeeper)
7	Lunches	10.00	
8	A. Matheson	15.00	"
9	M. Reid	35.00	"
10	C. Dawson	63.00	"
1	Agpress	55.18	(B "
2	Ross Haines & Son Ltd	40.41	(Books)
3	Bulkair	200.00	
4	J.A. McKay	94.84	(Stationery)
5	P.I.C.	11.97	"
6	Northland Br.	94.50	(Capitation)
7	Southland Br.	160.00	"
8	I.J. Dickinson	17.14	(Ex. C. Exes)
9	Canterbury Br.	100.00	(Conference Advance)
20	Sth Cant. Br.	80.00	(Capitation)
1	Brydone Hotel	23.00	(Ex. C. Accom.)
2	M.G. Stuckey	135.25	(Ex. C. Travel & Exes)
3	G.A. Beard	6.00	(Lunches)
4	Agpress	1263.17	(Beekeeper)
5	Dairy Bd Computer	17.14	
6	Cancelled		
7	P.I.C.	1597.31	(Fee)
8	H.M.A.	202.00	(Ex. C. Travel)
9	Bulkair	600.00	
30	J.A. McKay	53.28	(Stationery)
		<u>\$ 9667.31</u>	

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) HELD AT THE RUSSLEY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY THE 26TH JULY 1979 COMMENCING AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT: The President Mr M.G. Stuckey in chair and approximately 90 members and delegates representing all fourteen branches

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The President referred to the circulated papers in support of the Special Meeting which were designed to put forward two changes of the Rules of the Association namely

- 1) To allow members who attended Branch remit meetings to carry forward to Conference their own votes, and allocate them to the Branch delegate at Conference - Reference Rules 17(f) and 24(f)
- 2) To provide for an alteration to members voting entitlement in respect of the election of members to the Executive Committee - Reference Rule 14(e).

Mr P. Marshall then moved, seconded by Mr M. Cloake

- 1) (a) "THAT RULE 17(f) BE AMENDED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING
 - 1) In the event of a Poll, each Delegate shall be entitled to cast:
 - i) the number of votes cast on the question when it was voted on by that Delegate's Branch; plus
 - ii) those votes which members make available to him in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iii); plus
 - iii) those votes withheld by members in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iv), provided that no such votes may be cast in respect of a member who is not personally present at the Conference.
 - 2) In exercising his voting rights on a poll, a Delegate:
 - i) shall record for and against the remit the number of affirmative and negative votes cast when his Branch voted upon it; and
 - ii) may exercise as he thinks fit any additional votes made available to him in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iii); and
 - iii) shall exercise votes withheld by members in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iv) in accordance with directions given to him at the time of the poll by the members concerned personally.

- 3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Delegate may in his discretion and after giving consideration to all matters put forward at the Conference, cast all the votes to which he is entitled (other than those exercisable under paragraph (2)(iii) of this Rule) in such manner as he thinks fit.
- 4) The votes cast by each Delegate shall be displayed to the Conference."

- 1) (b) "THAT RULE 24(f) BE AMENDED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING

On every poll taken on a remit to the Conference of Branch Delegates a member may:

- i) Vote "for" or "against" the remit.
- ii) Abstain from voting.
- iii) Abstain from voting and make his votes available to the Branch Delegate to cast as he thinks fit.
- iv) Withhold his votes for exercise at the Conference in accordance with Rule 17(f)(1)(iii) provided that notwithstanding paragraph (e) of this Rule this may be done only if the member is personally present at the meeting at which the poll is taken.

The Branch Secretary shall record the number of votes in each category, and his certificate shall be conclusive."

On being put to a Poll Vote the motion was declared carried by 4974 votes to 80 votes.

- 2) RULE 14(e) Moved Messrs Marshall/M. Cloake

"THAT RULE 14(e) BE REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING

For the purposes of the election an ordinary member shall have one vote and a commercial member one vote for each 100 hives or part thereof on which hive levy for the current year has been paid, with a maximum of 12 votes. Hive levy shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of this Rule if payment thereof has been deferred by the Association in accordance with the Regulations."

On being put to a Poll Vote the motion was declared carried by 2995 votes to 1943 votes.

(Minute Note: It was noted that this alteration (i.e. to Rule 14(e) will only be requested if the change to H.M.A. voting is proceeded with.)

There being no further business the Special Meeting was declared closed at 2.20 p.m.

Signed

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)
AND THE CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES HELD IN THE CANTERBURY
ROOM, RUSSELY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
THE 25TH and 26TH JULY 1979 COMMENCING AT 9.30A.M. ON WEDNESDAY
THE 25TH JULY 1979

PRESENT: The President Mr M. G. Stuckey (in Chair), the Executive Committee members Messrs P. Marshall, W. Clissold, M. Cloake I. Dickinson and P. Berry, approximately 75 members of the Association including delegates from fourteen Branches.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry, Chairman and Mr C. Wicht, General Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority, Messrs G. Walton P. Clinch and D. Hayman, M.A.F., Mr T. Walton, Editor of Beekeeper and the Executive Secretary, G.A. Beard.

There were also present other visitors as well as representatives of T.V. and the Press.

OPENING PRAYER: The President invited Conference to stand while he read the opening prayer.

ADDRESS AND WELCOME TO WAIMAIRI COUNTY: Mr D.B. Rich, Chairman of the Waimairi County and Cr. Hazel Tait attended Conference at this stage to welcome members and delegates to Christchurch.

Mr Rich in his address extended a warm welcome to all attending Conference and said the Waimairi County had a population of some 70,000. The Christchurch area had much to offer visitors and he hoped members present would take in at least some of the sights Canterbury had to offer. The district was also well endowed with Parks and gardens. Also the County had been extremely progressive in dealing with pollution, it had had fluoridation for 15 years and it had some 10 per cent of its area in public reserves.

The County was pleased to welcome the Conference and in conclusion Mr Rich wished all good business sessions and a pleasant stay in Christchurch.

PRESENTATION OF TREE: The President then presented a South Island Rata tree to Cr. Hazel Tait and in doing so referred to the long tradition the Association had followed in presenting a flowering tree to the host County, Borough or City.

Mr President then asked Cr Tait to accept the tree as a mark of the Association's pleasure of having its conference in Waimairi County in 1979.

Cr Tait in accepting the tree for local planting thanked the Association for its thought and said she was sure the Rata would do well in the district.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: The President, Mr M. G. Stuckey then presented his address. The President in his address emphasised the need to look to the future - he was confident the industry had a bright future. Honeydew honey and comb honey producers had taken the initiative in marketing overseas their products. Generally it seemed the industry had two courses it could follow - advance with the changing market demands or go under. It was desirable and necessary that the industry look at itself and work out solutions.

If changes were proposed it could be valuable to seek producer opinion by poll. It was essential too for all in the industry to work together for the best result. The ultimate goal will bring change and it is for honey producers to be the authors of the change.

In conclusion the President thanked members, the members of the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary and his staff for the help they had given him during the year. To the two retiring members of the Executive - Messrs I. J. Dickinson and Percy Berry he expressed a real vote of thanks from all the members - both had been President and both had served their Association well.

ADDRESS BY UNDER-SECRETARY TO THE HON. MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE MR R. L. G. TALBOT:

The President welcomed Mr Talbot to the Conference and invited him to address the members and delegates.

Mr Talbot in his address referred to record honey production in 1978 and said this in part reflected the increased number of hives being worked. Mr Talbot then referred to the position of finance for the industry and the stage that had been reached when some crunch decisions had to be taken. The H.M.A. election system had caused concern and proposals for change had been submitted to the Conference.

It would seem that if stabilisation was to continue then it appeared as though the H.M.A. had to take full control of exports or a production levy had to operate. It appeared that the H.M.A. working capital needs were in the vicinity of one and a half million dollars. The Minister of Finance was anxious that the Authority's dependence on accommodation be reduced. It would seem that if a levy was not favoured then the requirement must come from the 2000 tonnes of intake - around 5 cents a kg. A clear indication of industry wishes was necessary.

Mr Talbot referred again to the voting entitlement and emphasised that a change appeared desirable. Other matters referred to included Honeydew honey potential, comb honey exports.

Mr Talbot concluded his address by asking members to put aside sectional viewpoints and work for common goals and objectives and he then officially opened the Conference. The address was received with acclamation.

The President thanked Mr Talbot and a short question and answer session was held.

Morning tea was then taken.

PRESENTATION OF PHOTO OF MARY ANNA BUMBY TO
CANTERBURY MUSEUM.

On behalf of the Bumby family a great grandson of Anna Bumby, Mr R. E. Overton of Scargill, spoke of Miss Bumby's association with bees in the early days of Canterbury settlement - Miss Bumby had brought bees to New Zealand. The family, said Mr Overton were very happy that the Canterbury Museum would accept the picture of Miss Bumby and also that the presentation should take place at the 1979 Beekeepers Conference.

The picture was then presented to Mr Anthony Savill of the Museum who thanked Mr Overton very sincerely for the gift; he assured all that it would have a cherished place in the Canterbury Museum collection.

ADDRESS BY MR PERCY BERRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE
HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Mr Berry in opening his remarks thanked the Association for its invitation to present the H.M.A. report. Mr Berry first referred to the membership of the Authority - there were four producer members of whom three were not suppliers. Mr Berry said he had been

chairman since last October. The principal problem had been getting adequate finance to operate; the Government attitude had been hard and it was aimed at getting the Base Price lowered.

The attitude since July 1978 had made for difficulty and the maintenance of a stabilising role for the industry was very difficult. The Authority should not give in to some of the demands made upon it.

Mr Berry pointed out that the Authority was still able to pay 85 cents a kg.

For many years the Authority had been placed under pressure by Government through the Reserve Bank. However an additional source of finance had become available. The bulk of the stocks from last year's high production and intake had been cleared and accordingly the Authority was now in a stronger position.

Mr Berry pointed out that the honey surplus was in the southern areas of the South Island and that this posed marketing problems. Some suppliers in the South Island felt that the centre of Authority activity should be at Pleasant Point. This would have to deal with around a 1500 tonne intake.

The election of producer members does not make for rapid changes in operational policy and changes should be orderly. The bringing together of more producers with a marketing knowledge: all representatives are men of integrity even though this is sometimes questioned.

The facts and figures show conclusively that things have changed for the better. Despite this however it is becoming increasingly clear that the bitterness in the politics of a small disruptive element in our industry is the greatest retarding factor both in its economy and in its ability to achieve harmony.

Mr Berry concluded his address by emphasising the need for every member and every Branch to see that they get something better - much better. Ten months ago the industry had entrusted to him a tough assignment and to date much progress had been made.

The address was received with acclamation.

The discussion on the matters marketing arising from both the President's address and the address given by Mr Berry were deferred to a time near to 2 p.m.

APOLOGIES: The following apologies were recorded and sustained - Messrs W. Ward, T. Roberts, Jasper Bray, F. Broadley, K. Henderson and C. Bird.

OBITUARIES: The following obituaries were made known to Conference - the late Messrs Allan Bates, Herman Van Puffelen, Laurie Griffen and Clarrie Hill.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: The President indicated that the Executive Committee had unanimously resolved to recommend that Mr Chris Dawson the retiring Librarian be so honoured by the Association. The President then called upon Mr Mervyn Cloake to move the motion.

Mr Cloake in moving the resolution said many members would acknowledge with gratitude the work Mr Chris Dawson had rendered the industry in his capacity of Librarian. The services Mr Dawson had performed for the industry had extended to talks as well as the library - members were indebted to him. Mr Cloake said he would like Mr Dawson to know that the Association and its members valued his contribution to beekeeping - he was a worthy recipient of the highest honour the Association could convey - Life Membership.

Other members then spoke in support of the resolution which read:

"THAT MR CHRIS DAWSON BE ELECTED A LIFE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)"

The motion was then put and carried by acclamation.

The President then presented Mr Dawson with a Life Membership Certificate.

Mr Dawson in responding thanked the President and members most sincerely for the honour the Association has bestowed upon him - the thought was very greatly appreciated.

LIBRARY REPORT: Mr Dawson then presented the report of the Library Committee. During the course of the report Mr Dawson made reference to the early decision to set up a library and read a list of those who had lent their support at that time.

The cassette tape library is being established and Mr Dawson indicated that he would continue to do the work involved in the meantime.

Mr Dawson then introduced his successor Mr M. J. Heineman of Milton who had accepted the position of Association Librarian.

The Library Report was duly received.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD - Mr P. Marshall.

Mr Marshall reported on his association with the work of the Chemicals Board and advised that the adoption of the new Pesticides Bill would bring changes. The pleasing point was that the Association would retain its member. Mr Marshall also made the point that he felt the Association should not change its representative for a period, and especially during the initial period of the new Board.

A short question and answer period followed and it was resolved that Mr Marshall's report be received with thanks.

TIMEKEEPER: Resolved

"THAT MR TONY SCOTT BE TIMEKEEPER."

SCRUTINEERS: Resolved

"THAT MESSRS P. CLINCH AND G. WALTON BE THE SCRUTINEERS."

SPEAKING TIMES: Resolved

"THAT THESE BE AS PER AGENDA."

TAPE RECORDER: Resolved

"THAT TAPE RECORDERS BE PERMITTED."

MINUTES OF 1978 CONFERENCE: The Conference resolved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1978 CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE BUSINESS OF THAT CONFERENCE."

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

The list of Branch Delegates was read and noted.

MARKETING DISCUSSION BY ANNUAL MEETING:

Before taking general questions from the Conference floor on his or Mr Berry's address the President tabled the following notices of motion relative to marketing:

1) EX WAIKATO BRANCH

"That an industry group undertake a feasibility study on the introduction of a producer organisation to handle the New Zealand Honey crop currently under H.M.A. control and that the Honey Producers be given opportunity to evaluate the study and take effective action without delay. "

2) EX SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH

"That this Conference recommend that an urgent indepth study be made by experts on behalf of the National Beekeepers Association on the advantages and disadvantages of turning the H.M.A. into

- a) A regional co-operative and/or
- b) A non statutory Board similar to the present H.M.A. and/or
- c) A Private Company. "

3) EX BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

"That the National Beekeepers Association employ an independent accountant and/or business consultant to analyse the H.M.A. to produce a new financial situation so that the H.M.A. can be a viable stabilising influence on New Zealand Honey Marketing. "

The President then invited discussion on material raised in either the addresses or in the notices of motion.

A lengthy debate ensued and the following two questions were then discussed as resolutions from the Chair.

- 1) "THAT THIS CONFERENCE SUPPORT SOME FORM OF MINIMUM CONTROL ON HONEY MARKETING. "

This proposal when put to the vote was carried heavily - only 2 votes were recorded against.

- 2) "THAT A STABILISATION FUND BASED ON HONEY EXPORTS BE SUPPORTED. "

This proposal when put was heavily opposed.

The meeting then went on to consider a further proposal which read as under

"THAT IN THE COMING YEAR THE SITUATION BE THAT THE H.M.A. BE MORE SELECTIVE IN ITS ACCEPTANCE OF HONEY AND THAT H.M.A. BE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT DIFFICULT HONEY. "

This proposal when put was carried.

The President said he felt the position was becoming more clear and he felt the Conference should provide answers to the following four points. (Minute Note. a free discussion ensued and the subject matters were fully covered.)

The four questions were detailed as under:-

POINT NO. 1: "That the H.M.A. have the sole right to export. "
This when put was lost.

POINT NO. 2: "That there be imposed a levy on the production of extracted honey. "
This when put was declared lost.

POINT NO. 3: "That a levy on hives of around 70/75 cents be imposed. "
This when put was declared lost.

POINT NO. 4: "That a Hive Levy in support of the establishment of a Capital Fund to be held in the Producer's own name and be returnable to producers on the cessation of beekeeping. "

On being put a vote of 31 for and 32 against was recorded.

THURSDAY 26TH JULY, 9 A.M.

The President adjourned the Annual Meeting and declared the "Conference of Delegates" in session.

(Minute Note: The remits are presented in order from No. 1 but they were not necessarily taken in that order.

REMIT NO. 1 - NELSON: The remit read:

"That N.B.A. approach Standards Association of N.Z. to replace their existing model standard bylaw concerning the keeping of bees in built-up areas with one that does not require licensing of apiary sites by local authorities but simply gives them power to deal with nuisances on the basis of specific sustained written complaints."

Moved Messrs Ellis/Boskett and carried 12 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 2 - STH WESTERN DISTRICTS: The remit read:

"That this Conference strongly urge the Rural Bank advance money on beehives as security. "

Moved Messrs Rowe/Bromell and after full discussion was put and carried 9 votes to 5.

REMIT NO. 3 - WAIKATO: The remit read:

"That the full return air travel and accommodation (including meals) expenses to Conference of one delegate from each Branch attending be paid by Executive. "

Moved pro forma Mr H. Cloake and seconded Mr Russell Berry.

An amendment was moved to confine the proposal to air fares only but this was lost.

The motion on being put was also lost.

REMIT NO. 4 - MR R. DAVIDSON: The remit read

"That it is recommended that all Branches of the National Beekeepers Association hold Branch Meetings at least one month after each national Executive meeting. "

Moved Mr Bartrum on behalf of Mr Davidson seconded Mr H. Cloake.
The motion when put was declared lost by 8 votes to 6.

REMIT NO. 5 - NORTH OTAGO: The remit read

"That Conference give consideration to the Executive being replaced by a Board, consisting of one delegate from each Branch meeting in a central area, as required - meetings to consist of one day only.

Moved Messrs Winslade/O'Neill and lost 11 votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 6 - NELSON: The remit read

"That N. B. A. Branches approach local bodies with a request that they encourage the planting of nectar and pollen producing trees in their areas."

Moved Messrs Ellis/Bushby and carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 7 - HAWKES BAY: The remit read

"That Conference requests the date for Hive Levy payment be changed from 20 February to 20 April and the penalty date be amended from 31 March to 31 May. "

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Leadley and lost 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 8 - CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That this Conference request the Executive Committee to vary its instruction in regard to the voting for candidates to the national Executive to enable a person to vote for any number of candidates up to the number required for the position. "

Moved Messrs Penrose/Jeffrey and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 9 - NELSON: The remit as amended read

"That the N. B. A. issue guidelines to Commercial Apiarists for a schedule of wages and conditions applying in the industry. "

Moved Messrs Boskett/Bennett and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 10 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the M. A. F. make enquiries into the availability of a suitable material that beekeepers could use themselves for resurfacing the inside of 44 gallon honey drums, extractors and tanks. "

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Rowe and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 11 - OTAGO: The remit read

"That Conference express its strongest disapproval at the way legislation affecting beekeepers was processed through Parliament. "

Moved Messrs Dickinson/K. Berry and carried 13 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 12 - SOUTHLAND: The remit read

"That this Conference strongly object to the Base Price being kept at 81 cents by the Minister of Agriculture for the 1978/79 season. In view of across the board increase each year honey prices must be reviewed upwards each year to keep beekeeping viable. "

Moved Messrs Booth/Bartrum and carried 10 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 13 - STH CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That the H. M. A. provide more information to the industry regarding present and future policies and especially regarding its present financial position.

Moved Messrs M. Cloake/Bushby

This remit was discussed in some detail and members expressed concern that the information given Hive Levy members was not adequate. In reply the Authority Chairman, Mr P. Berry outlined the policy followed and emphasised that he felt the information supplied was adequate.

However other members including Mr I. J. Dickinson expressed contra views and on the remit being put it was carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 14 - STH CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That all-weather storage facilities be provided for all honey containers at Pleasant Point and Hornby."

Moved Messrs Bartrum/M. Cloake and lost 7 votes to 4.

REMIT NO. 15 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. be approached and requested to send out an acknowledgement of the receipt of consignments of honey from suppliers and at the same time give some indication as to when the grading certificate and first payment can be expected."

Moved Messrs Bennett/Mitchell and on being put the voting recorded was 6 votes in favour and 6 votes against.

REMIT NO. 16 - STH CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. investigate the use of bulk tanks for the transport and storage of honey."

Moved Messrs M. Cloake/Bartrum and carried 7 votes to 6.

REMIT NO. 17 - HAWKES BAY: The remit as amended read

"That Conference reaffirms its 1978 remit which urged the H.M.A. to use its best endeavours to maximise exports of New Zealand honey and that the General Manager be sent overseas to examine marketing opportunities more frequently."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Marshall.

The Conference considered amendments to the original remit; the amendment advanced by Mr Jeffrey was accepted and when the amended remit was put to the Conference it was carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 18 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. price fixing formula for its retail packaging be submitted to the industry for evaluation."

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Robinson and lost 9 votes to 5.

REMIT NO. 19 - HAWKES BAY: The remit read

"That Conference requests the Honey Marketing Authority to use their maximum effort to increase the percentage of packed honey sold on the export market in relation to bulk honey sold on that market."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Marshall and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 20 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. be charged with the responsibility of gradually building its reserves to a level which enables the Authority to make prompt advance payments to producers once the honey is received into store."

By leave of Conference this Remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 21 - STH WESTERN DISTRICTS: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. pay all reasonable freight costs of honey supplied to them by their suppliers."

Moved Messrs Rowe/Bromell and lost 10 votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 22 - HAWKES BAY:

The remit read

"That Conference believes it would be in the best interests of our export marketing if the Government Representative on the H.M.A. was an officer from the Department of Trade and Industry and one who has overseas experience with New Zealand Embassies, particularly those in countries which appear to be our best potential honey markets."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Marshall and lost 8 votes to 5.

REMIT NO. 23 - WAIKATO:

The remit read

"That the details of exported honey by private packers or suppliers which are provided for processing by the H.M.A. do not include such information as would disclose the name of the buyer or their representative nor information which could lead to their identification."

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Robinson and carried 8 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 24 - WAIKATO:

The remit read

"That Conference express its support of the principle of the private exporting of retail packed lines."

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Morris and carried 11 votes to one.

By consent of Conference it was agreed to take Remit No. 28 ahead of Remits 25 to 27.

REMIT NO. 28 - SOUTHLAND:

The remit read

"That voting be changed to one vote per each hundred hives or part thereof with a maximum of twelve votes for twelve hundred hives or over."

The remit was moved Messrs Booth/Clissold.

In the ensuing discussion on the remit Mr P. Berry pointed out that a change in H.M.A. voting would also vary the voting entitlement for Association elections.

A Poll vote was called and resulted in the remit being carried by 2745 votes to 2073 votes.

REMIT NO. 25 - CANTERBURY:

The remit read

"That there be no change in the present constitution and voting system of the Honey Marketing Authority."

Canterbury sought leave to withdraw the remit but this course was not agreed to.

The remit was moved Messrs Ian Berry/Bushby and on a Poll vote was lost 3140 votes to 1720 votes.

REMIT NO. 26 - HAWKES BAY:

The remit read

"That Conference is opposed to the proposed change in the present system of allocating votes for the H.M.A. elections and requests the present system of allocation be retained."

This remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 27 - WAIKATO:

The remit read

"That this Conference is opposed to any suggested Rule changes in voting at the N.B.A. and H.M.A. elections."

This remit was moved Messrs Jansen/Bushby and on a Poll vote was lost by 2917 votes to 1941 votes.

REMIT NO. 29 - SOUTHLAND: The remit read

"That the membership of the H.M.A. Board be increased by one from four to five members and that the fifth member be a major supplier to the H.M.A."

Moved Messrs Booth/Bartrum and on a Poll vote was lost 3278 votes to 1477 votes.

REMIT NO. 30 - NORTH OTAGO: The remit read

"That the N.B.A. request the M.A.F. to provide the industry with detailed information on honey extraction plants, suitable for handling honey which will meet with the entry requirements of importing countries."

Moved Messrs Winslade/O'Neill and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 31 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read

"That in view of the apparent increase in the incidence of Bacillus Larvae more stringent rules be laid down to restrict the movement of bees from disease prone areas into other areas."

Moved Messrs Bennett/R. Berry and lost 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 32 - CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be requested to appoint Apiary Instructors for the purpose of disease control."

Note to Remit: Typical of many facets of Government service, much of the present Apiary instructor's time is involved with the dealings of other branches of the public service such as Rural Banking etc. leaving very little time for the original purpose of the Apiary instructor which was disease control and instruction to the beekeeper. With higher hive concentrations as well as greater hive movement, disease control is becoming more important not only for hobbyist apiarists but also commercial apiarists. It is essential that substantial numbers of hives are inspected systematically to ensure that beekeepers are in fact carrying out their obligations in respect of disease. The part-time system although filling a need does not in fact do enough especially in the commercial field where disease can be spread quickly and over a wide area. It has now become very urgent where extremely high hive concentrations are found on honeydew with serious robbing problems at certain times of the year.

Moved Messrs Jeffrey/Bartrum and carried 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 33 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit as amended read

"That Conference urges that the penalties for the unauthorised importation of queen bees be \$1000 per queen bee cell and also that substantial publicity be given to the need for this safeguard."

(Remit Note: This Branch feels that a \$200 fine for the importation of queens is totally inadequate as a penalty."

Moved Messrs Bennett/Robinson and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 34 - WAIKATO: The remit as amended read

"That Conference request M.A.F. to collect information on world mechanisation in the beekeeping industry and make it available to the N.Z. Beekeeper for publication."

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Russell and lost 6 votes to 4.

REMIT NO. 35 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit as amended read

"That the importation of pollen and all other known bee disease carrying apiculture products in the broadest sense be prohibited."

The amended remit was moved by Messrs Mitchell/Ellis.

"It was pointed out and noted that the objective was to try and achieve a blanket prohibition. It was noted that under existing regulations only the Minister had a discretion."

The remit was carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 36 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the question of honey house effluent be made a subject of a seminar by M.A.F. to be held prior to a Conference."

The remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 37 - MR E. S. ADAMSON: The remit read

"The N.B.A. recommend and assist the N.Z. Nurserymen's Association to produce two bulletins of Trees and Shrubs for Bees in the Spring. Also N.Z.N.A. tell N.B.A. Branches what is available where."

Moved Messrs Adamson/Dickinson and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 38 - CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That Conference re-affirm its policy that the Association retain its membership on the Agricultural Chemicals Board."

Moved Messrs Penrose/Clissold and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 39 - OTAGO: The remit read

"That in view of the general concern at the continued use of 245T the Government place a total ban on its use without waiting for any further reports."

Moved Messrs Scrivener/Heineman.

At the request of the Chair Mr P. Marshall outlined the attitude of the Agricultural Chemicals Board on the matter and the action taken by the Board to check the matter out.

The general debate on the remit was taken in Committee.

On resuming open meeting the remit was put and lost 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 40 - NELSON: The remit read

"That N.B.A. approach territorial Local Body Councils with by-laws restricting beekeeping pointing out the benefits of bees in their area and requesting that administration fees be abolished."

Moved Messrs Ellis/Boskett and carried by 7 votes to 6.

REMIT NO. 41 - MR C. W. FOOTE: The remit read

"That an invitation be made to other beekeeping organisations to form a committee with N.B.A. members to submit proposals to the Minister of Health with a view to having amendments made to the new Health Department Regulations."

Moved Messrs Scrivener/Heineman and lost by 13 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 42 - HAWKES BAY: The remit as amended read

"That Conference endorse the action of the Forest Service in selective logging in some areas as against clear felling."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Leadley and carried 11 votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 43 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read

"That the expenses incurred in the upgrading of honey houses be 100% tax deductible in the year in which the upgrading takes place."

The remit was moved Messrs Bennett/Robinson and by mutual consent was referred to the Executive Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION - EX BAY OF PLENTY: 1980 Conference

Mr Bennett moved and Mr Robinson seconded

"That the offer of the Bay of Plenty Branch to host the 1980 Conference in Tauranga be accepted."

Carried 14 votes to nil.

REPORTS: Special Report Papers were tabled by

a) Mr G. Walton - M.A.F. Advisory Officer Apiculture.

b) Mr P. Clinch - Research Officer, Wallaceville.

In both cases the papers were available the day before.

Mr Walton spoke to his report and referred in particular to seminars and staff organisation.

Mr Walton then answered questions from Conference.

Mr P. Clinch outlined in greater detail the research work programme presently being followed and replied to a number of questions put by members.

Both officers received a vote of thanks.

REPORT BY MR P. MARSHALL: Association's representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board.

Mr Marshall reviewed the work of the Board over the past year and then dealt in detail with the new body that would replace the Agricultural Chemicals Board early in 1980. It was pleasing that the Association had retained its membership on the new Pesticides Board.

Mr Marshall answered questions from members.

CLOSURE OF DELEGATES CONFERENCE

The President advised that the business of the Delegates Conference had been concluded and the Annual Meeting of the Association would resume.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF ASSOCIATION FOR 1978:

The report was tabled and it was moved

"That the 1978 Annual Report of the Association as tabled be received."

Clissold/Robinson

Carried

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Moved

"That Mr N. Ryder-Lewis be re-appointed Auditor to the National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand (Inc.)"

Robinson/Bushby

Carried

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR
ENSUING YEAR:

As the result of a Poll Mr P. Marshall was duly declared President for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

As the result of a Poll Mr M. G. Stuckey was duly elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1) VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST BRANCH - CANTERBURY:

Mr Mervyn Cloake on behalf of Conference extended to the President, Secretary and members of the Canterbury Branch the deep appreciation and thanks of members for the excellent Conference arrangements made for them. The fact that there had been no hitches in arrangements indicated the good planning that had gone into the organisation of all the affairs associated with Conference.

Members joined with Mr Cloake in carrying a motion of thanks by acclamation.

2) VOTE OF THANKS TO MR STUCKEY:

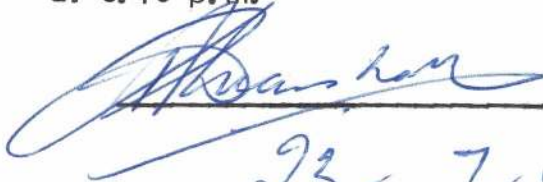
A vote of thanks to Mr Stuckey was moved and reference was made to Mr Stuckey's competence as Chairman in handling a difficult programme of Conference business so ably. The Conference carried the motion by acclamation.

3) BALLOT PAPERS: Resolved

"That the Executive Secretary be authorised to destroy all ballot papers.

CONFERENCE CONCLUSION:

There being no further business the President declared Conference closed at 6.10 p.m.


Signed
23-7-80.
Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)
HELD AT THE RUSSELLY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON MONDAY 23 JULY
1979 AT 11.30 AM.

PRESENT: Messrs M G Stuckey (in Chair), P Marshall, I J
Dickinson, P Berry, A Clissold and M Cloake.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr S J Lyttle, Executive Committee member
elect and G A Beard.

WELCOME TO MEETING: Before taking the business of the
meeting the President welcomed
members and conveyed a special welcome to Mr Lyttle.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous
meeting held on April 4/5 1979
having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- 1) VIPERS BUGLAS: The Executive Secretary tabled a
short explanatory note which in-
dicated that the two schedules of noxious weeds
to be made pursuant to the new Noxious Weeds Act
had not yet appeared.

It was resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT
FURTHER TO THE NEXT MEETING."

- 2) LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Cloake and Mr Clissold
reported that the Committee
had received a number of applications and the
Committee recommended that Mr John Heinman be
appointed.

It was resolved

"THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JOHN HEINMAN
AS ASSOCIATION LIBRARIAN BE CONFIRMED."

- 3) CASSETTE LIBRARY: The Library Committee members
reported that Mr Chris Dawson
had the development of the Cassette Library well
under way. Noted.

- 4) PESTICIDES BILL: A copy of the "Bill" was tabled and
handed to Mr Marshall, the association
representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board.
Mr Marshall reported that it was pleasing to note that
the Association had held its position among the member-
ship of the new Board.

- 5) VISIT TO WALLACEVILLE - MR P CLINCH: It was left
to the
Executive Secretary to discuss with Mr Clinch - the
December meeting time appeared the most suitable.

CORRESPONDENCE:

RETURNING OFFICER TO PRESIDENT: Advising the following
result for the election
of the member to represent the South Island.

Mr S J Lyttle	2412 votes
Mr K McC Herron	1743 "
Mr G L Jeffrey	768 "
Informal	22 "

Mr Lyttle was declared elected.

HIVE LEVY - PAYMENT TO HMA: It was noted that the sum of \$9926.52 had been paid to HMA for the calendar year 1979.

HIVE LEVY: The Executive Secretary tabled a brief memo relating to one producer and the matter was left in his hands to further action.

NORTHLAND BRANCH: Mr Richards - requesting Executive confirmation to use branch funds to sponsor a Northland school essay competition on Trees for Bees.

The Executive Committee approved the proposal and the action taken by the President. The project is to be drawn to the attention of the Editor, 'Beekeeper.'

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH: Forwarding a copy of their circular to local farmers re Trees for Bees in that area. Received and noted.

UNDER-SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE - 19.4.79:
Advising relief measures for beekeepers in Otago/Southland.
Received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - ADVERSE CLIMATIC EVENTS RELIEF:
A substantial paper prepared by MAF was tabled and discussed. The Executive Secretary advised that he had not been able to give the paper any degree of study thus far.
It was resolved

- " 1) THAT A COPY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MR CLOAKE
- 2) THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PREPARE A SUITABLE MEMO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - POLLEN PRODUCTION: The correspondence embraced letter ex Healtheries re purchase of local pollen supplies.

It was resolved

"THAT THE MINISTRY BE REQUESTED TO DEFINE OFFICIAL POLICY IN RESPECT OF IMPORTS OF POLLEN."

MR ROYDEN BROWN -USA: re projected visit to New Zealand at the end of 1979.

Noted and received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - RE HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS:

Received and noted.

MR G WALTON - MAF: re grading of sweet clover (Nelilotus)
Mr Walton set out fully the measures taken to remedy the problem and further he had discussed the matter with South Canterbury producers.

Received.

NELSON BRANCH - MR R M ELLIS:

- 1) Re Honeydew Honey - The Executive confirmed its view that Honeydew honey should be included in the Honey Export Regulations.
- 2) Re Hive Levy - The reply given by the Executive Secretary was endorsed.

HMA: re Authority's position in respect of Honeydew honey.

The Authority's resolution read -

"That the present Authority has no wish to involve itself in the control of or exporting of Honeydew honey and will treat its sale in the same way as comb honey. It may however consider purchasing Honeydew honey if offered."

It was resolved

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED."

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Forwarding copy of a letter sent to Northland Branch on 1979
Remit No.19.

Received.

FEDERATED FARMERS: Advising progress being made in the setting up within the Federation of a Farm Industry Organisation. This followed on from a February meeting called by the Federation. It was noted that a further advice could be expected shortly.

Received.

SOUTH WESTERN BRANCH - MR D R BENNETT: enquiring if further copies of minutes could be obtained.

The Executive decided that it be pointed out that it is Executive policy to charge \$10 a year for additional copies of minutes - the present policy is to supply a copy to all Presidents and secretaries. Individual Association members can obtain copies by paying \$10.

It was resolved

"THAT A SUITABLE REPLY BE SENT TO THE BRANCH".

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR: re vocational training.

It was resolved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE BE AMENDED AND REFERRED TO MR CLISSOLD FOR CHECKING BEFORE BEING RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT."

COMMISSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: re proposal made in 1978 by Conference in support of getting more trees planted on roadways.

The matter had been fully investigated but found no general support.

It was resolved

"THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO 'BEEKEEPER.'"

MR CHRIS DAWSON: re matters relating to annual meeting and Library Report.

Received.

UNDER-SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: advising that it was the Minister's wish that the 1979 HMA election be set back one month.

Noted and received.

UNDER-SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: re Honeydew honey and its definition under the Honey (Export Control) Regulations in respect of the export of Honeydew honey, The Executive discussed the matter in detail and it was duly resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FAVOURS NO CHANGE TO THE POSITION AS IT PRESENTLY APPLIES."

FEDERATED FARMERS: advising diesel fuel situation.

Received and referred to 'Beekeeper'.

MR B J DONOVAN DSIR: re proposed importation of Osmia SPP - Mason Bees.

The President welcomed Mr Donovan to the meeting and said the Association was glad of the opportunity of discussing the proposal with him.

Mr Donovan outlined the reasons why the scientists felt that the Mason Bee could greatly assist in the pollination of some varieties of apples, plums and other fruit crops. Mr Donovan explained the life cycle of the Mason Bee and the DSIR view that they would not constitute any danger to present bee stocks or interfere with pollen collection etc.

The Executive Committee discussed at length the various aspects of the proposal and it was duly resolved that before giving a reply it should obtain a further opinion.

It was resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORT THE EXPERIMENTATION PROPOSAL BUT THAT IT OBTAIN OTHER EXPERT OPINION BEFORE REPLYING TO DSIR."

MR R A FOUBISTER - SECRETARY RNZ INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE:

Mr Foubister was welcomed to the meeting by the President. The purpose of the discussion was to review aspects of the Diploma in Horticulture.

Mr Foubister reported that the purpose in meeting was to discuss the Diploma course, its acceptability and to see what alterations might be made.

Mr Dickinson pointed out that he considered the introductory paragraph was a little limiting and should perhaps be opened up to include 5th Form level rather than School Certificate. It was also felt that the reading list should be more adequately documented as to where text books could be obtained.

It was also felt that Regulation (3)(2) b covered the pre-requisite position quite clearly. It was noted that 1980 was the target date for change.

It was duly resolved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S VIEWS ALONG THESE LINES
BE SENT TO THE INSTITUTE."

ACCOUNTS

The following schedules of accounts were tabled.

- 1) half-fare cost of delegates to Conference
- 2) monthly payment schedule for April/May/June/July 1979.

It was resolved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF
THE ASSOCIATION DURING APRIL/MAY/JUNE AND JULY
1979 AND COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED 122731 TO
122758 AMOUNTING TO \$37538 LESS \$15000 TRANSFER
TO TERM DEPOSIT BE RECEIVED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED."

- 3) Half-yearly Income & Expenditure Account of the
Association Received and noted

- 4) Branch Capitation Accounts

The amounts held in credit by the different Branches
plus the capitation grants due were tabled and dis-
cussed. It was decided to write to a number of the
Branches re the need to pay further capitation monies
at this stage.

HMA - re Marketing Options.

A letter was received from the Authority indicating that a
circular had been sent to Hive Levy Payers setting out market-
ing options.

The President pointed out to the meeting that handling the
matter at Conference was not going to be easy - however, it
could be that by allowing it to follow a "progression of action"
the topic could be handled adequately.

SECRETARY - CANTERBURY BRANCH

Mr Tony Scott attended at this stage and outlined the programme
that had been arranged by the Branch for Conference.

The President thanked Mr Scott for the work put in by the Branch.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1) Conference Order Paper

Mr Cloake questioned whether it was advisable to take
Remits 25, 26 and 27 before Remit 28.

The point was duly noted by the President.

- 2) 1978 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Cloake raised the point as to the Remit that was
passed last year in respect of bulk honey. The
statement was not factual.

It was resolved

"THAT A SUITABLE NOTE BE INCLUDED IN 'BEEKEEPER'".

RETIREMENT OF TWO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS - MR P BERRY
AND MR I J DICKINSON

Before adjourning the meeting the President drew attention to the fact that both Mr Berry and Mr Dickinson would retire that day from the Executive - both were past Presidents, both had given generously of their time to the Association and both had served it with distinction. On behalf of members he expressed thanks to both men.

Messrs Berry and Dickinson returned thanks.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The President then adjourned the meeting until Friday morning at 9.00 am.

In Chair, the President, Mr P Marshall. Other members attending were Messrs I Berry, A Clissold, M Cloake and S Lyttle. An apology for Mr Stuckey was sustained (at HMA Meeting).

The President welcomed to the meeting the recently elected members Messrs Lyttle and Berry. The Executive then proceeded to consider the action necessary in respect of the Remits passed at Conference.

Remit No.1 - re licensing of apiary sites by local authorities.

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION AND REPORT TO THE NEXT MEETING."

Remit No.2 - re Rural Bank finance

Resolved

"THAT A COPY OF MR G WALTON'S SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER BE REQUESTED SO THAT THE POSITION MAY BE MORE ADEQUATELY ASSESSED."

Remit No.6 - re planting of trees - Branch involvement

Resolved

"THAT A SUITABLE CIRCULAR BE SENT TO BRANCHES WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILS."

Remit No.8 - re voting for Executive Committee and that members be given option to vote for one candidate.

Resolved

"THAT THE OPTION REQUESTED IN THE REMIT BE GIVEN".

Remit No.9 - re guidelines to commercial apiarists on wages and conditions.

Resolved

"THAT AN ENQUIRY BE MADE OF FEDERATED FARMERS AND A REPORT BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEXT MEETING."

Remit No.10 - re resurfacing of the inside of honey drums

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE".

Remit No.11 - re passing of legislation affecting beekeepers

Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ENQUIRIES".

Remit No.12 - re Base Price for honey

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE UNDER SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE."

Remit No.13 - re HMA public relations to Industry

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE HMA WITH A REQUEST THAT THE MATTER RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION".

Remit No.16 - re use of bulk tanks for the transfer of honey

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO HMA".

Remit No.17 - re request to HMA to use its endeavours to maximise exports

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE HMA".

Remit No.19 - requesting HMA to use maximum effort to market retail packs on export market

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO HMA".

Remit No.23 - re export of honey by private packers and information relative thereto

Resolved

- " 1) THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO HMA BUT IT BE POINTED OUT THAT THE VOTE OF 8 TO NIL WAS UNSATISFACTORY.
- 2) THAT IN THE VIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO REMOVE THE ADMINISTRATION AS FAR AS MAY BE PRACTICABLE OUTSIDE THE HMA."

Remit No.24 - re support of principle of private exporting

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO HMA".

Remit No.28 - re voting entitlement for producer members to HMA

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE UNDER SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE."

Remit No.30 - re MAF providing Industry with detailed information on honey extraction plants

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO MAF FOR COMMENT".

Remit No.32 - re appointment of advisory officers

Resolved

"THAT MR G WALTON BE INVITED TO DISCUSS THE REMIT
WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS OCTOBER MEETING."

Remit No.33 - re unauthorised importation of queen bees etc.

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO -

- 1) The Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture
- 2) The Minister of Customs suggesting that searches be tightened
- 3) that Mr G Walton be asked to discuss the matter with Executive at its October meeting."

Remit No.35 - requesting that importation of pollen be prohibited.

Resolved

- " 1) THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE THAT HE USE HIS DISCRETION IN ALLOWING IMPORTS VERY SPARINGLY.
- 2) THAT THE MATTER BE FURTHER DISCUSSED WITH MR G WALTON AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Remit No.37 - re trees for bees

Resolved

- " 1) THAT A SUITABLE CIRCULAR BE SENT TO BRANCHES OUTLINING THE APPROACH USED BY THE SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH
- 2) THAT HEAD OFFICE ENDEAVOUR TO PREPARE A SUITABLE NEW SHEET BASE FOR USE BY BRANCHES
- 3) THAT A SUITABLE APPROACH BE MADE TO THE NURSERYMEN'S ASSOCIATION "

Remit No.38 - re Agricultural Chemicals Board (Pesticides Board from early 1980)

Moved

"THAT THE PRESIDENT, MR P MARSHALL, BE APPOINTED THE ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD"

Clissold/Cloake
Carried

Remit No.40 - re local body restriction on beekeeping

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION AND REPORT."

Remit No.42 - re selective logging as opposed to clear felling

Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTER OF FORESTS AND THAT THE MINISTER BE COMPLIMENTED ON THE GENERAL POLICIES BEING FOLLOWED IN THIS MATTER."

Remit No.43 - re taxation allowance on upgrading of honey houses

The Committee felt the area most likely to be successful was in addition required to meet Health Department Standards.

Resolved

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE TAX DEPARTMENT ASKING IF THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS WHEN ADDITIONS ARE DUE TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS."

The 1980 CONFERENCE

It was resolved

- " 1) THAT THE 1980 CONFERENCE BE HELD IN TAURANGA BETWEEN TUESDAY JULY 22nd TO FRIDAY 25th JULY 1980
- 2) THAT THE MAF SEMINAR BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JULY 1980
- 3) THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET IN THE MORNING OF TUESDAY 28 JULY 1980
- 4) THAT THE CONFERENCE DAYS BE WEDNESDAY THE 23rd AND THURSDAY THE 24th JULY 1980"

NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 4th AND 5th OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 10.15 AM ON THURSDAY THE 4th OCTOBER

(Minute Note: The Executive agreed to visit Wallaceville Research Centre at 2.30 pm on Thursday the 4th October)

RE CAPITAL LEVY FUND

The Executive Committee noted that the following Remit, when put to the Conference, drew a 31-32 vote; the Remit read

"THAT A LEVY ON ALL HIVES BE MADE TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL FUND TO BE HELD IN PRODUCERS' OWN NAMES AND BE RETURNABLE TO PRODUCERS WHEN THEY CEASED BEEKEEPING".

The Executive considered that the vote recorded would represent and "Industry" viewpoint on the question.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The question of European Brood Disease being introduced was discussed and in particular the question of compensation. The Executive agreed to discuss the matter further at its next meeting early in October.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.12 pm.


4.10.79

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR APRIL/MAY/JUNE/JULY 1979

122731	Waterloo Hotel	198.15	(Ex. C. Accom.)
2	J. A. McKay	105.60	(Stat.)
3	Agpress	1507.15	(Beekeeper)
4	W. A. Clissold	48.40	(Ex. C. Exes)
5	I. J. Dickinson	38.15	" "
6	M. D. Cloake	12.00	" "
7	P. W. Marshall	12.30	" "
8	Library Cttee	100.00	(Cassette Library)
9	R. L. Jansen	17.50	(Ref. O/Payment H/L.)
40	Deposits & Securities	5000.00	(Investment)
	Tfr. to Term Deposit	15000.00	"
1	N. Z. Dairy Board	2.21	(Computer Charges)
2	R. Haines & Son	9.87	(Book)
3	Ryder Lewis	295.00	(Audit Fee)
4	T. G. Bryant	18.00	(Beekeeper)
5	C. Dawson	30.00	"
6	Agpress	81.65	"
7	P. I. C.	2151.20	(Fee)
8	H. M. A.	9926.52	(Grant)
9	Agpress	1347.18	(Beekeeper)
50	R. Institute Horticulture	15.00	(Subscription)
1	Wises Directory	65.00	(Directory Fee)
2	P. I. C.	72.24	(Stat.)
3	Petty Cash	19.18	
4	Addressograph	29.15	(Plates)
5	M. G. Stuckey	110.20	(Trav. Exes)
6	Apimondia	200.89	(Membership Fee)
7	P. I. C.	1112.14	(Fee)
8	N. Z. Dairy Board	13.41	(Computer)

\$ 37538.09

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOC-
IATIONS BOARD ROOM ON OCTOBER 4 AND 5 1979 COMMENCING AT
10 A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs P. Marshall (in Chair), M. G. Stuckey, S. J. Lyttle,
M. Cloake, A. Clissold and I. Berry.

ALSO PRESENT: G. A. Beard, Executive Secretary.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: Before taking the business of the meeting the
President welcomed members and said he hoped
they would have an enjoyable and useful meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting
held on 23 and 26 July 1979 having been
circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of
Messrs Lyttle/Clissold.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (1) Importation of Bee Products: It was noted that bee products were
prohibited - there was a schedule of the list and also the form used.
Noted.
- (2) Library Committee: Mr Cloake reported that the changeover was
now complete. The old books were all replaceable so there was not
the same concern for them. There were however some photographs
that could be long stored at the Association's office. Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President's Letter to Parliamentary Under-Secretary -
Mr R. L. G. Talbot:

The President tabled to each member a copy of the letter he had
written to Mr Talbot suggesting among other things that a joint meeting
of Industry Bodies should be called fairly soon. Mr Talbot had
replied that he was very sympathetic to the proposal.

The President then reported on the discussion he and the Executive
Secretary had had with the Under-Secretary the previous day when
the suggestion for a joint meeting was taken a stage further.

The President said he felt strongly that the different sectional
interests should come together for discussions so that policy matters
could be approached and settled amicably in the interests of the
whole industry.

The reply received from Mr Talbot was circulated to members.

Members then expressed support for a meeting comprising the
Executive of the Association, the H. M. A., the Packers Association,
the Suppliers Association, the Comb Honey Association and the
Honeydew Association. It was accepted that each body would meet its
own expenses.

It was then moved

- (1) "That the Association convene a meeting
of the following industry organisations -
the Executive Committee of the N. B. A.,
the H. M. A., two representatives of the
Packers Association, two representatives
of the Suppliers Association, and one
representative each from the Comb Honey
Association and the Honeydew Association;
the meeting initially to be chaired by the
Under-Secretary for Agriculture, Mr
R. L. G. Talbot."

Marshall/Lyttle Carried

- (2) "That the meeting be convened for Thursday 1st November at 9.30 a.m. and be held in the Association's Board Room, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington."

. Clissold/Cloake Carried

Standards Association: Food Standards Committee re regulations for honey to align it with Codex Standard.

The matter was left to the Executive Secretary to check out with Mr Graham Walton. The proposed standard appeared satisfactory. Received.

Honey Marketing Regulations - Amendment No. 2: The amendment varied the voting entitlement. Received

Ministry of Agriculture: Mr G. Walton - re noxious plants and in particular Vipers Buglas. Resolved

- (1) "That a copy of the reply ex M. A. F. be sent to Beekeeper"

- (2) "That a copy be also sent to Mr Ivan Dickinson and the Otago Branch."

Outward to Branches re Trees for Bees: It was noted that a suitable circular with a related paper had been sent to Branches. Confirmed.

Outward to Federated Farmers re Conference suggestion about industry staff employment conditions.

The Federation advised that the matters were being studied and a further reply would be sent as soon as possible. Received.

Outward to Agricultural Chemicals Board - advising the re-appointment of Mr P. Marshall as the Association's representative to the Board. Noted.

Minister of Agriculture - advising that the membership of the Apiary advisory Committee was now

Mr Ian Forbes - MAF Wellington Chairman
Mr J. R. Courtney - Apiarist Waihi
Mr J. D. Lorimer - Apiarist Hamilton
Mr P. W. Marshall - Apiarist Napier

The advice was received.

Outward to H. M. A. - referring on the Conference remit re a proposed Capital Levy Fund. Noted.

Inland Revenue Department - re enquiry about bringing honey houses up to Health Department standards.

It was resolved

- 1) "That copies of the letter be made available to Executive members."
- 2) "That copies be referred to Branches."

Outward to Commission for Environment - re planting of trees and shrubs on road reserves.

The Executive Secretary reported that the Commission had requested that a suitable supporting letter be written to assist it in getting the matter raised with the Roads Board again. Confirmed.

Mr R. L. G. Talbot - acknowledging receipt of Conference Remit on honey price. A further reply was expected in due course. Received.

Minister of Forests - acknowledging receipt of Conference Remit on selective logging as opposed to clear felling. Further reply awaited.

Outward to Branches:

- 1) Referring on Conference Remit No. 6.
- 2) Future voting procedure for Executive members. Noted.

Outward to Under-Secretary - advising that Conference supported proposed change in H. M. A. voting entitlement. Noted.

Outward to Collector of Customs - advising him of the risk of honey being imported via Australian survival kits. The matter was raised by the Waikato Branch. Noted.

Minister of Customs - advising that matters relating to the importation of Queen Bees came within the functions of the Minister of Agriculture. Received and noted.

Mr R. L. G. Talbot - re importation of Queen Bees.

The Conference Remit on the topic was the basis of the correspondence. The Under-Secretary advised that the penalties prescribed under the Apiaries Act were in need of review and that this would be further considered when the Act was next amended. Received and noted.

Outward to H. M. A. - forwarding on the following Conference remits for Authority consideration - remits 13, 16, 17, 19, 23 and 24. Noted.

Under-Secretary for Agriculture - acknowledging Association's view on the definition of Honeydew. Received.

Under-Secretary for Agriculture - acknowledging Conference Remit on importation of pollen and bee products. The Under-Secretary set out fully the restrictions applying to honey as well as other bee products. Resolved

"That the reply be released to Beekeeper, Executive Committee and Branches."

Mr K. A. Leadley - applying to use the Association logo for commercial purposes. Resolved

"That the request be declined."

West Coast Branch re permits for apiary sites in forest areas. The objective of the Branch proposal was to achieve reasonable spacing of sites.

The cost of sites was also considered. The matter was very fully discussed and it was agreed

- 1) That the Executive Secretary write to the Hokitika office of the Forest Service.
- 2) That Mr S. J. Lyttle have further discussion with the West Coast Branch on his visit on 17 November.

Director-General of Agriculture - replying to the Association's request for a policy statement on the importation of pollen. Received - copy to Beekeeper.

Ministry of Agriculture - Mr G. Walton re Rural Bank Finance.

The letter gave details of the Ministry's approach to the question. The matter of hives being included in the "total" assets was noted. It was decided

- 1) That the Ministry of Agriculture continue the question of financial support for beekeeping.
- 2) That the position of hives being included in the total assets be taken up by Beekeeper.
- 3) That Executive Committee members prospect likely cases and report to the December meeting.

Outward to Secretary of Labour - re careers advisory leaflet. It was noted that Mr Clissold had co-operated in the redrafting of the appropriate schedule.

Ministry of Agriculture - Mr G. Walton - re Beekeeping Seminar in 1980. The Ministry indicated that it would be pleased to run another Seminar at Tauranga in 1980. This was noted with pleasure by the Executive Committee. Received.

Ministry of Agriculture - Mr G. Walton Replying to matters raised in a number of Conference remits.

- 1) Remit 10 - resurfacing of inside of honey drums. When a reply from the Health Department is available a further report will be provided.
- 2) Remit 30 - re information on honey extraction plants.
Resolved

"That the reply be supplied to Beekeeper."

Federated Farmers - acknowledging Association's advice that Federation papers be now sent to Mr P. W. Marshall. Received.

Proposal by D. S. I. R. to Import on Investigational basis Osmia Bees (Mason Bees)

The matter was first raised by Mr D. Donovan of the Department - a discussion had taken place at the time of Conference in Christchurch in July.

As a consequence of further enquiries additional correspondence had been received from

- 1) Ministry of Agriculture
- 2) Mr P. Clinch of Wallaceville
- 3) Head Office D. S. I. R.

The Executive Committee noted that at the present stage there was a difference of opinion amongst the departmental people involved and it was essential that this be resolved before any move was made to effect an importation.

It was accordingly moved

"That the Association advise the D. S. I. R. that it is prepared to accept the proposal to import and use Osmia Bees when the D. S. I. R. and Mr P. Clinch of Wallaceville Research Station reach agreement on the advisability of importing Osmia Bees."

Stuckey/Lyttle Carried

(Minute Note: Mr Clinch feels at present that there could be a degree of disease risk in the proposal.)

Food Standards Committee re specification for honey. Resolved

"That a letter be addressed to Mr G. Walton seeking his views on the point, and that the Standards Association be advised accordingly."

VISIT TO WALLACEVILLE RESEARCH STATION:

In the afternoon of the 4th October the Executive Committee took the chance to accept Mr P. Clinch's invitation to visit Wallaceville.

The Executive was extremely well hosted and a very interesting and valuable time was spent with Mr Clinch.

It was duly resolved

"That a suitable letter be sent to Mr P. Clinch thanking him most sincerely for the invitation to visit Wallaceville and for the excellent manner in which he had hosted members."

MR G. WALTON - APIARY ADVISORY OFFICER:

Mr Walton attended the meeting on Friday morning to discuss the following matters.

- 1) Importation of Pollen - Mr Walton advised that in future there would be no bulk imports.
- 2) Import of Queen Bees - Mr Walton reported that the Ministry would be pleased to investigate any suspected cases.
- 3) Appointment of Advisory Officers - Mr Walton outlined the Ministry policy in the matter. At present by using staff from other Ministry sources there was in fact better disease control. In general the system was working well.
- 4) Noxious Weeds Act - The schedules to the Act were only just being produced. There were very few plants in Schedule A while Schedule B covered such plants as gorse etc. At present Vipers Buglas was not on either schedule.
- 5) Apiary Advisory Committee - Mr Walton reported that the Committee was working well - in general the Coromandel position was much improved, and policies were being developed.
In all there were now five different kinds of permits available and this was satisfactory. It was agreed that the general question should be discussed further at the December meeting.

6) 1980 Seminar by Ministry (Tauranga Conference) -

Mr Walton advised that the Ministry was happy to again sponsor and manage the Seminar.

The Executive Committee expressed its pleasure at the decision.

The Executive indicated to Mr Walton that it would be happy to consider grants-in-aid to an 'outside' speaker, provided it was consulted beforehand.

7) Disease Samples to U.K. - Mr Walton advised that arising from a contact Mr Vince Cook had made with Dr Bailey in the U.K. a tentative arrangement for New Zealand to forward disease specimens for appraisal was now available. Mr Walton sought Executive Committee support in samples being sent. It was resolved

"That the Executive Committee agree to the dispatch of selected samples to the United Kingdom for appraisal."

8) Proposed Amendment to Apiaries Act - It was noted that a draft of proposed amendments was under way and would be made available in due course.

The President indicated that there would be industry support for changes being made to the Act and that the Executive would be glad to discuss the matter further in December.

9) Import Declaration by Travellers - It was noted that the manual covering the situation had now been changed.10) European Foul Brood Disease - It was noted that the disease was included in the 2nd schedule of diseases - it did not exist in New Zealand. Mr Walton outlined the likely approaches that would be followed should this disease be reported in New Zealand.

The question of Varroa Mite was also raised and it was agreed that this should be a 1st schedule disease.

It was resolved

"That Mr Clissold examine the possibility of including within insurance cover European Brood disease and report back to the December meeting."

Mr Walton left the meeting at this stage and was thanked by the President for the useful discussion.

ACCOUNTS - August - September 1979.

A schedule setting out the amounts paid on behalf of the Association in the August/September period 1979 and covered by cheques numbered 122759-122790 amounting to \$7593.05 was tabled and circulated.

It was moved

"That accounts as scheduled and covered by cheques numbered from 122759 to 122790 be received and payment confirmed."

Stuckey/Lyttle Carried

PROGRESS REPORT ON HIVE LEVY 1979

The schedule tabled showed that \$33037.07 had been received from Hive Levy. Of this sum the H. M. A. grant had required \$10627.00; Administration \$418.94 and the grant to the Association \$20,000.

The Executive Secretary said a couple of accounts still had to be collected but these would not alter the situation greatly.

The report was received.

THE BEEKEEPER: In attendance the Editor, Mr T. Walton.

Mr Walton tabled a schedule setting out the anticipated production costs of Beekeeper for 1980.

The increases listed were in line with cost movements. Advertising rates would also need to be increased.

The following detail the position

1) Editorial Fee	\$650	(current \$560)	per issue
2) Typesetting etc.	750	(" 675)	" "
3) Platemaking	450		" "
4) Printing	750	(" 802.85)	" "

Advertising

<u>Commercial</u>	1) Full page	160	(" 120)
	2) Half page	90	(" 65)
	3) Quarter page	45	(" 30)
<u>Beekeeper Rates</u>	1) Full page	NA	(" 90)
	2) Half page	65	(" 50)
	3) Quarter page	35	(" 25)

The rate for contract advertisers was to be looked at - Mr Walton to write those involved.

It was then moved

- 1) "That the schedule dated 3 October 1979 setting out the costs for producing the Beekeeper for 1980 be accepted and that Mr T. Walton be thanked for his attention and service to the Association in his capacity as Editor."

Stuckey/Lyttle Carried

- 2) "That an additional 100 copies be run for use in a membership drive."

Cloake/Stuckey Carried

REPORT - ADVERSE CLIMATIC EVENTS RELIEF: The report was prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture as a means of setting down some uniform guide lines to use in cases of flood, drought and related relief to farming.

The report had been referred to Mr M. Cloake for study and comment. Mr Cloake reported

"that the report reviewed the assistance available as a consequence of adverse climatic situations. The first section of the report explains how the system works and the alternatives available - these could include

- a) an Insurance Scheme.
- b) the unlikelihood of aid unless the industry contributes
- c) cash grants region region.

The difficulties include the basis of approach

- d) self help incentives - tax incentives

In all it seemed that the best scheme for beekeeping would be Cash Loans: the loans could run up to say \$1200."

The matter was left on this basis and Mr Cloake was thanked for his report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) Local Body ByLaws - Beekeeping - refer standard by-law to Branches.
- 2) Pesticides Bill - The Executive Committee noted that the Bill was now coming up to 3rd reading stage.
- 3) Dr Peer - Canada - Mr Cloake reported that Dr Peer was a very highly qualified man in bee breeding and that it may be possible to get him to visit New Zealand.
It was resolved

"That Mr Cloake obtain further information and report to the December meeting."

- 4) Executive Committee Election Paper Resolved

"That the Executive Secretary table a copy to the December meeting."

- 5) K. Ecroyd - Association representative at Apimondia, Greece.

It was reported that Mr Ecroyd would be submitting a report to the December meeting.

- 6) Radio Midday Report on Wasps - Canterbury District - the matter related to orchadists.

The Association would support the fruitgrowers or other like bodies to have wasps accepted as a pest, and that they be brought within the Pest Control Council.


Left to Executive Secretary to make further enquiries.

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

"That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held in Wellington on Tuesday 11th December commencing at 9.20 a.m."

(Note: the three South Island members to fly in the evening before.)

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3 p.m.


Confirmed
11.12.79
Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1979

122759	Dairy Board	13.41	(Computer charges)
60	G. A. Beard	195.00	(Conference exes)
1	Dairy Board	8.05	(Computer charges)
2	Agpress	318.61	(Conference exes)
3	M. G. Stuckey	198.07	(" ")
4	P. W. Marshall	270.30	(" ")
5	N. Wallingford	20.00	(Beekeeper article)
6	K. Simpson	30.00	(" ")
7	A. Warren	21.00	(" ")
8	Northland Branch	100.50	(Capitation)
9	Waikato "	254.50	(")
70	Bay of Plenty "	85.50	(")
1	S. W. D. "	193.00	(")
2	S. Canterbury "	80.50	(")
3	Otago Branch	168.00	(")
4	Southland "	160.00	(")
5	Cant. "	195.00	(")
6	W. Clissold	182.00	(Conference exes)
7	T. Gavin	63.90	(" travel)
8	B. Mitchell	53.10	(" ")
9	B. Stanley	54.90	(" ")
80	I. Berry	45.90	(" ")
1	P. Ashcroft	45.90	(" ")
2	T. Rowe	45.90	(" ")
3	R. Ellis	42.30	(" ")
4	A. Braid	29.70	(" ")
5	G. Winslade	18.00	(" ")
6	Cancelled	. -	
7	S. Booth	39.60	(" ")
8	Standards Assn	1.85	
9	P. I. C.	2195.00	(Fee)
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Report of meeting of Honey Industry Organisations held in the Association's Board Room, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington on Thursday 1st November commencing at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: In Chair - Mr R. L. G. Talbot, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture.
Mr Ian Forbes, Assistant Director, Farm Advisory Division, M. A. F.

Representing National Beekeepers' Assn -

Mr P. W. Marshall (President) and Executive members
Messrs M. G. Stuckey, Ian Berry, A. Clissold,
M. Cloake and S. J. Lyttle.

Representing Honey Marketing Authority -

Mr P. Berry (Chairman), Messrs M. G. Stuckey,
J. Bray, I. J. Dickinson, D. Hayman and the
General Manager Mr Curtis Wicht.

Representing N. Z. Honey Packers Assn -

Messrs Lloyd Holt and K. Herron.

Representing Suppliers' Assn -

Mr Harry Cloake.

Representing Comb Honey Assn -

Mr H. C. Belin.

Representing Honeydew Honey Assn. -

Mr G. Jeffery.

Representing Ministry of Agriculture -

Messrs Graham Walton and Don Hayman.

WELCOME TO MEETING: Mr Marshall extended a warm welcome to Mr Talbot and also all those attending as representatives of the various industry organisations. Mr Marshall especially thanked Mr Talbot for making himself available to accept the Chairmanship of the initial stage of the meeting.

OPENING OF MEETING: Mr Talbot thanked Mr Marshall for his welcome and advised the meeting that Mr Ian Forbes would act as Chairman when he left around 10.30 a.m.

The Agenda indicated the order of business and he would proceed accordingly.

PAPERS PRESENTED TO MEETING

(1) Paper from Mr Talbot. The following paper was presented.

"This meeting has been called by the National Beekeepers' Association to discuss the future structure and organisation of honey marketing in New Zealand.

Today we see a changing emphasis on the marketing of honey. When the Honey Marketing Authority was established, it operated as the sole exporter. As the local realisations were higher than could be obtained overseas, the Authority first marketed locally and then exported the surplus. Its operations were funded in part by the old Seals Levy.

In the last 10 years the overseas market has provided better prospects, and now most beekeepers want to play a part in the returns available from exporting honey.

We come up against conflicting viewpoints. Some believe the Authority should remain the sole exporter. Others believe that a measure of competition should apply with all commercial beekeepers being given the opportunity to export honey under certain conditions.

The majority viewpoint within the industry now appears to be in favour of private exporting, and the traditional function of the Authority as a buyer of last resort can no longer be maintained.

This brings us to the two immediate issues – the guaranteed base price system and the "take all honey offered" system. These may be liked by the industry, but because of the restrictions required to maintain the two systems they may be difficult to operate.

Many beekeepers feel they can get along independently without the cradle of a base price or guaranteed buy-in system. But I'm sure everyone will be aware that any such systems require the whole industry to be involved with them, presumably on a compulsory basis. This will ensure the long term viability of the proposition. Therefore it is clear that a majority of the industry must be in favour of the systems and be prepared to give the necessary support.

The crux of the matter is that it appears that this consensus within the industry no longer exists. Although suppliers may believe the Authority should have the sole right of export and be given the support to continue the two systems, the Government cannot undertake this support until there is a clear majority in favour.

We therefore find a situation where there is an authority trading in honey – in a sense operating as the Hollands Honey Co-op – but geared up with the facilities and overheads to operate as a national body with the wide functions and responsibilities.

The changed market situation makes it vital that a revision in the present structure be undertaken.

I cannot see why those beekeepers who wish to supply an industry board should not get together and operate such a body either as a co-operative or as a private company. The need for this organisation to be a statutory one, and the need for any Government involvement must now be closely questioned.

It seems that a supplier company or co-operative could almost take over and run the present "Hollands" side of the Authority's functions, including the exporting markets. This is leaving aside for the moment the question of export policy and export controls.

It's recognised that the present availability of Government guaranteed overdraft accommodation through the Reserve Bank may make this option appear less desirable. But if the Authority is not being called on to perform any industry-wide functions and is being supplied by one-third of the country's honey producers then it's entitlement would have to be looked at. The question of export control also comes in to this matter. If the Authority relinquishes its powers over export control to some other person or organisation, then I understand the non-supplier members of the Board would be happy to relinquish their positions and allow the Authority to be run and controlled only by its suppliers.

This of course still raises the question of whether it is necessary for the Honey Marketing Authority to be a statutory body.

The industry must consider all these factors and work out for itself how its marketing should be organised. The Government cannot do this for the industry and indeed does not wish to. It will however assist producers to look at options, and to provide a platform from which the industry can decide its future.

I urge this meeting to adopt a unified approach in considering the alternatives, and deciding what is best for the future. The first requirement from this meeting is to reach a consensus and begin work on the following questions: begin feasibility studies in the Authority's operations or proposed operations; where its facilities should be located; and how it should be owned and operated.

Before I leave this particular subject, let me convey just one or two thoughts of the beekeepers. Of course, Paul Marshall follows me to give a detailed account of his viewpoint on the industry's marketing needs.

Two points are worth mentioning. The Association points out that the next Authority elections are two years away, and regular suppliers would be disadvantaged by an accelerated policy of relaxing export control on honey. This in turn might affect the price paid to the suppliers.

The beekeepers are also aware that should the industry be divided about future marketing procedures then there will be no uniform approach to prices on the world market.

To finish off, this brings me to the question of the present base price and stabilisation schemes. The present stabilisation scheme has in practice really only applied to Authority suppliers. If it remains then it should only apply to honey exports. There is no need for any price stabilisation scheme to operate on the local market. As well the price stabilisation scheme should operate on all honeys exported. But the Government would not wish to impose a scheme against the wishes of the beekeepers.

As regards the base price scheme, the meeting will need to reach some consensus on how this scheme should be phased out bearing in mind the Authority is no longer able to pay a guaranteed price on all honey offered."

- (2) Paper from Mr P. W. Marshall, President of N. B. A. The following paper was presented.

"Over the last year or so the beekeeping industry has become divided in its views of how best to market honey. This not only showed up in the last H. M. A. election, but indications of this rift came to the surface at the last Beekeepers Association Conference in Christchurch. With this polarisation of attitude coming to the fore as well as the Government's six options on the H. M. A. handed down to the industry just before the conference, which resulted in recommendations that the Authority exercise its right not to accept all honey offered, as well as deciding against the continuance of the stabilisation scheme. These left in my mind some doubt as to whether or not the industry was heading in the right direction. These thoughts were also expressed to me by other similar conservative minded beekeepers as myself, many of whom were not sure if they knew the answers to their doubts.

As president of the National Beekeepers' Association I felt it was advisable to call this meeting in the hope that we will restore some unity to the industry and establish a sound progressive marketing policy. My thanks must go to Mr Talbot, Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, with whom I discussed the idea and who gave me every encouragement, as well as agreeing to be Chairman for the first hour. The ball is now in our court to come up with the answers, and I hope our solutions will meet with both industry and Government approval. They will at least know that all groups of the industry were fully involved with the discussions.

No doubt throughout this meeting the Authority will come in for its fair share of criticism. But let us not forget that over the years many of us have been thankful of its existence, while at the same time abusing the privilege. What this statement really means is that many beekeepers sent honey into the Authority for which they had no market. To many the H. M. A. is, or has been, a convenient dumping ground. By the attitude

of some over the years toward such a fully committed industry organisation it's a wonder the Authority was able to operate at all. Now the situation has eventuated that only a third of the country's honey producers supply all, or part of their crop to the Authority, leaving the remainder operating under its protective umbrella.

The umbrella being

- (1) an alternative market
- (2) until recently a price stabilising scheme
- (3) supplying a wholesale/retail price list
- (4) stipulating a minimum F.O.B. price for export honey,

thereby giving a measure of control on exports.

With this form of stability, although some would argue that it's far too restrictive, the Authority was tailor made for those who wished to produce honey only and leave the specialist field of marketing to others. It also meant a guarantee payout for honey supplied, which for those with a low capital investment was vital for their survival. Unfortunately problems with lack of capital became a major problem these days of high inflation rates using what little reserves one may have on rising production costs. Believe me from one who knows, as I seem to bounce from one financial crisis to another.

So perhaps it's not surprising that the arguments to retain the H.M.A. as a viable trader within the industry tends to appeal to me as one who has built a business on a small input of capital. Like many others it's nice to operate under the protective umbrella. However, I am guilty of wishing to have my piece of the cake and eat it at the same time. For none of my crop reaches the Authority but small amounts do venture into the export world of cut comb. Although I find that this type of trading requires intensive labour input, the rewards are very good.

Much can and will be said for the exporting of honey by the private individual. Many of the arguments to open up the export trade were based on the success story of the comb honey producer, and all credit must go to them for what they have achieved. However, it was not without its trials and tribulations. While behind these producers was their Comb Honey Producers' Association giving advice where necessary and especially on the matter of price, all of which gave some stability and confidence to those involved. From personal experience selling one's honey crop, or part of it, on the overseas market is not for the faint hearted. One must be able to stand firm on price and know the market. Such knowledge cannot be instantly obtained, and finding a market is hard enough for the beginner; on top of which there is the increased capital expenditure necessary to start off with and to sustain oneself while looking for a buyer.

This aside, a change in our thinking and approach to marketing is now required. Quite clearly the H.M.A. must move with the times. Personally I would not like to see it cease functioning altogether, as it still has a place in the industry. By its very existence, even if only as a token purchaser of honey, or as an advisory board would give producers some confidence in selling their crop as well as stability to the market.

At conference it was mooted that perhaps the individual or co-operatives take over from the Authority with removal of marketing controls. Such a concept may have merit and should be investigated. Before doing so we must ask ourselves can the industry afford to have individuals and/or ad hoc groups offering honey to buyers both here and abroad at uncontrolled prices. Not wishing to be personal, but my faith in my fellow beekeeper as a salesman is not high. While on the home front we must question whether or not the Honey Packers have the financial capability of purchasing larger quantities of honey to replace the gap left by the diminishing trading activity of the Authority.

By world standards our industry is not large. The average honey production over a ten year period is only 6088 tonnes per annum. The number of beekeepers on a commercial scale operating 251 hives and over, is for the North Island only 87 and 101 in the South Island. Respective production on this ten year average is 3122 tonnes for the North and 2966 for the South.

Gentlemen, bearing in mind the size of the industry, do we tie ourselves up with controls or do we slowly loosen a few of the existing restrictions? There are many questions that should and must be asked before agreement to a sound marketing policy can be resolved. I ask you to please approach the subject with an open mind."

(3) Address from Mr Percy Berry - Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority.

The following is a summary of Mr Berry's report prepared from notes taken by the Secretary.

Mr Berry advised that no prepared paper had been assembled because the Authority had been meeting on the previous three days. Accordingly he would make his report as informal as possible.

In the past three days a great deal of work had been done: the price for the last season's supply had been fixed at 86.16 per kg. Also some \$36000 had been placed to Reserves. The intake had been 1770 while sales had been 1000 tonnes in excess of intake. The export market had yielded better returns than the local market.

The Conditions of Supply for the coming season had regard to the changed circumstances. The Authority had assumed that the Stabilisation Scheme had now gone. The land and buildings had been revalued and as a consequence reserves were close to \$800000.

The Authority thinking in respect of the Parnell property was that if it did cease operation there then it would retain ownership and rent out the building. This among other things could help stabilise the reserves. There were many benefits in retaining the ownership of the Parnell property.

In respect of the Pleasant Point property - the proposal was to build at Pleasant Point. Mr Berry said his personal view was that one worry was overcentralisation - this could be costly. It might for example be cheaper to build two buildings at different places. The Pleasant Point proposal had been much more deeply studied by Mr Dickinson who could answer particular questions in respect of it - a meeting of suppliers would be held shortly.

Mr Berry then referred to private exports - these had been supported by a majority on H.M.A. - overall the policy followed was in accord with industry wishes. The resolution of a year ago that 150 tonnes of bulk be released to export had again been confirmed. There was of course no restriction on packed lines. Also because of the abolition of stabilisation there would be no levy on private exports.

Exporters would apply to H.M.A. for export clearances and a fee would be charged.

Mr Berry concluded by saying that there were a number of basic decisions - it was the timing of these decisions that was important - it was essential that the best facts available should be gathered and researched.

(4) Paper from Mr Harry Cloake - Suppliers' Association. The following paper was presented by Mr Cloake.

"Our Executive has considered the invitation to express our opinion on the marketing needs of the Honey Industry and submit the following opinions.

It is our considered opinion the Honey Marketing Authority as at present constituted should be retained and continue to operate as at present. Also we consider some better costing procedure should be established and certain of its operations closely examined to ensure no part of the structure is totally uneconomic.

Alternatives have been considered and investigated by us but evidence shows that to establish and operate any other form of marketing organisation would place an impossible financial burden on those producers involved unless considerable finance was available from Government or other outside sources at reasonable rates. Also an alternative on a national scale would inherit the same problems and financial difficulties as the present Authority.

Professional advice has been obtained on this matter and after lengthy and full discussion we were advised to endeavour to retain what we already had and make it work.

The industry at the recent National Beekeepers' Association conference quite clearly expressed the opinion some form of marketing organisation was wanted but not for the whole of the industry to finance its operation.

As the industry has already expressed its wish to retain some form of marketing organisation why is the need to change from what we already have? This is the question we want answered.

It is important before any change can be made to know the reason and once that is known a full investigation should be made by a competent person into the effects of the proposed change and the report of the investigation closely studied. No study in depth of this nature has been made therefore how can we properly discuss the industry needs?

It appears this whole matter of looking at the industry marketing needs arises from a report presented to a recent Honey Marketing Authority meeting by Mr Don Hayman. In his report it is quite clear the Government is questioning the increased reliance by the Authority on Government finance and suggesting the industry become more financially self reliant. Already the suppliers have established a Reserve Fund over the last six years of half a million dollars. Surely this is evidence the industry is becoming more financially self reliant.

If then this is purely a matter of financial trouble should we be looking at this aspect rather than the marketing needs. We see no evidence the Authority needs to be replaced or eliminated; it appears to be serving the industry quite adequately.

To expect the industry to make radical changes in the short term without proper examination into the effects of a change is unreasonable and it is our considered opinion that as the precedent of financing the industry was established some 25 years ago then before any change was suggested the total effects must be known.

There is no doubt any change away from a marketing organisation like the present Authority will affect suppliers to a greater extent than non-suppliers. Many of these suppliers have no wish to market their honey, they are content to deliver the honey to a depot and receive payment. Should this service be not available to them their efforts to dispose of the honey could cause chaos in the industry.

We believe in the principle of a single exporting outlet for bulk honey. It is difficult to see a more suitable controlling agency than the Authority; any other appointed or established agency would suffer the same problems as the Authority but be more costly.

Also while we do not wish to suggest any change in the procedure of exporting other honey or honeydew there is evidence sales are being made to the detriment of all sales, prices are lower than need be. Some measure of control may be required in the future and the situation should be closely watched.

Again we stress, we see no need to make any major changes in the marketing of honey except to return to the principle of a single outlet for bulk exports."

(5) Address by Messrs Lloyd Holt and K. Herron - N. Z. Packers Assn.
(Report ex Secretary's Notes)

Mr Holt said his Association felt that the meeting was important to all in the industry and it could take the industry forward.

The need in marketing was to cut costs - private enterprise was favoured as being the best approach. There should and would always be a close relationship between export and local honey marketing. Because of the high freight costs regional packing units should be used by the Authority. In general there was a shortage of honey in the North Island - the H. M. A. plant should not be continued.

In respect of exports, control on quality was all that was needed - the Packers were a well financed organisation capable of servicing the industry.

Mr Herron then dealt with the South Island situation - about two-thirds of the H.M.A. suppliers came from the South Island. There was a degree of concern that the Pleasant Point location may not be the best - container ports were important. Having regard to the production it was apparent most of the surplus was in the lower part of the South Island.

The Canterbury producers have a good opportunity to sell - minimum prices were a key factor and all including H.M.A. should operate on the same basis. A number of private exporters continued Mr Herron, were not happy that the best system was not available to all exporters. While exporters dealt with H.M.A. a number felt it was not in their interest to do so.

- (6) Address by Mr H.C. Belin - Comb Honey Assn. (Prepared from Secretary's Notes)

Mr Belin indicated that in general Comb Honey producers were doing well. The production of comb honey could in the current season double that of a year ago. It was important to note that comb honey exports largely grew up because they were based on honey that was not acceptable to the H.M.A. Today world markets were accepting comb honey of all types.

In respect of price the Association was able to assist its members. All the progress made in the marketing of comb honey had been achieved without the help of anyone.

It was important to note that the increased production of comb honey this year would affect the supplies of ordinary honey. In all about 400 tonnes of comb honey would be marketed.

- (7) Address by Mr G.L. Jeffery - Chairman, Honeydew Honey Assn. (From Secretary's Notes)

Mr Jeffery pointed out that honeydew honey did not come within the orbit of the operations of the H.M.A. It could be sold in any form and a good deal was exported.

In general the members would like to see a separate basis established covering the export of honeydew honey - grading was not required or really needed. It was true that some importing countries could require M.A.F. certification but this should provide few problems. The main objective was that administration be simple and straight forward.

STAGE SUMMING UP BY CHAIRMAN, MR TALBOT

In a short summing up before vacating the chair Mr Talbot said it was clear that suppliers wanted the current system to remain. Mr Berry's advice that the stabilisation scheme had been discontinued should be noted. It was clear too that only about one-third of the commercial producers were supplying H.M.A. and this presented a rather unrealistic situation. There was he felt a strong need for a producer co-operative or company. This point should be considered.

Finally Mr Talbot said the maintenance of a status quo was not on - some basic changes were necessary and the meeting should consider these areas carefully.

Mr Ian Forbes took the Chair at this stage.

In opening the meeting up to general discussion Mr Forbes reminded the meeting that Mr Talbot had made Government's attitude quite clear: it was desirable to examine the major issues and he hoped the meeting could reach a consensus.

Mr Curtis Wicht reported that the documentation for export now provided that the buyer's name was not indicated - there was no export levy involved. Mr Wicht also commented upon central warehousing and pointed out recent examples of this.

Mr Mervyn Cloake said finance was a key factor in looking at alternative systems to the H. M. A.

Mr Don Hayman pointed out that most were quite happy with the export of packed lines - however in respect of bulk lines some confusion existed. This year the Authority had again approved 150 tonnes.

Mr P. Berry - Re Finance

Mr Berry advised that H. M. A. had not exercised its option to sell Parnell.

In respect to the future there was in his opinion a difference between the North and South Island situations. The North Island intake of 440 tonnes was not likely to support a North Island plant. In the South Island there was around 1500 tonnes available and it needed to continue on the present lines. There was no reason why the H. M. A. should not continue.

It appeared that it would be sound to hold the Parnell property as values tended to be sound in central city areas. It also appeared sound to use depots nearer the points of production.

In the South Island there is a volume support supply for at least 5/10 years - a lot of factors like energy could affect any current estimate. In the long run Mr Berry said he saw an H. M. A. type operation being viable to the South Island for a reasonable period ahead.

Mr Ivan Dickinson reported that all were satisfied something should be done at Pleasant Point. It appeared that an establishment to handle around 1500 tonnes was needed. The price range for a suitable building could range from \$190000 - \$290000. The Authority had approved up to \$206000 subject to discussions with the Suppliers Association. The complex would be on a design and build basis. The possible sale of the Hornby plant was an open option and could be decided as required.

The Chairman pointed out that the H. M. A. viability in the North Island was fine.

Mr H. Cloake advised that what had to be studied was the consequential effect on the whole industry of any operational system.

Mr P. Berry drew attention to the payment procedures already adopted that could deal more effectively with difficult sale honeys.

Mr H. Cloake pointed out that Beekeepers were considering buying buildings in the South Island.

Mr M. G. Stuckey advised that it appeared that the Auckland plant would run down in the foreseeable future - contract packing appeared a reasonable alternative.

The meeting then noted

THAT THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY REVIEW THE SITUATION AT THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

In a general discussion Mr Wicht reported that the Authority had at this stage left all its options open.

Mr Hayman advised that it was very desirable that the future of the Auckland plant, its level of operation should be assembled in a report - facts were needed: the report should cover

- a) the operational basis
- b) the alternatives available
- c) other related factors.

The Chairman in summarising pointed out that

- a) one-third of the Commercial group supply H. M. A.
- b) the majority on the Board do not - this was untenable
- c) a consensus as to how the meeting viewed this was required.

Mr Stuckey pointed out that 75 per cent wanted to export on their own account.

Mr P. Berry then dealt with some of the alternatives and especially the trends in the North Island. It appeared as though depots close to area production were needed. There was plenty of room for beekeepers to get together. Mr Berry said the 150 tonne of exports of bulk honey had been retained.

Mr H. Cloake pointed out that 150 tonne could be unduly limiting.

If the controversy was over exports, then what changes were necessary. If all exports were limited to H. M. A. then no controls were necessary. If H. M. A. was to operate alongside other private exporters then some change was desirable.

It was then suitably agreed by the meeting

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXPORT CONTROL
SHOULD BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE AUTHORITY.

Further discussion then centred around the service that should be available to exporters in pricing information and the fixing of minimum export prices for the respective markets.

Mr Mervyn Cloake pointed out that the sole exporting system had provided a very good system indeed - it gave a) good quality control and
b) a strong selling unit.

Mr G. Jeffery advised trends had changed over the past ten years - there were higher overhead costs; the export of problem honeys such as honeydew honey and Kamahi honey - darker honeys had entered the market with white honeys.

Mr H. Cloake referred to the co-operative system applying in Alberta and this should be further studied.

Mr Wicht then gave the meeting information on honey pricing and advised that buyers respected an informed seller.

Mr Herron pointed out that progression in the style of honey marketing will occur. As an industry activity it appeared as though the North Island would fade downwards - it seemed doubtful whether the H. M. A. could operate rationally. Some basic changes were necessary.

After further general discussion Mr P. Berry made the following points

- 1) THAT IT BE NOTED THAT A SOUTH ISLAND OPERATION COULD IN DUE COURSE BE THE ONLY COMMERCIAL INVOLVEMENT FOR THE H. M. A.
- 2) THAT CONTROL OVER EXPORTS WAS STILL DESIRED.
- 3) THAT A NEW EXPORT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING EXPORTS WAS NEEDED SO THAT COMMERCIAL EXPORTERS AND THE H. M. A. WERE PLACED ON A COMMON FOOTING.
- 4) THAT THE CENTRE FOR EXPORT CONTROL SHOULD THUS BE REMOVED FROM THE H. M. A. BY THE MINISTER AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF AN ALTERNATIVE BODY OF ONE OR MORE MEMBERS.
- 5) THAT THE NEW EXPORT CONTROL OFFICE SHOULD SET EXPORT PRICE MINIMA - THIS TO BE DONE BY APPROPRIATE

AND GENERAL BACKGROUND STUDIES INCLUDING THE
H. M. A. GENERAL MANAGER.

The meeting then gave this approach its full support.

The Chairman then summed up the meeting discussion held and expressed the view that much had been achieved. He thanked all for their contributions.

In respect of further meetings of a like kind the meeting agreed the Under-Secretary should consult with Messrs Marshall and Berry as necessary.

VOTE OF THANKS TO MR P. MARSHALL

The meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr Marshall for initiating the action that led to the meeting being convened.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 3.30 p.m.

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD ROOM ON TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 1979 COMMENCING AT 9.40 A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs P. W. Marshall (in the Chair), M. G. Stuckey, S. J. Lyttle, M. Cloake, A. Clissold and I. Berry.

ALSO PRESENT: G. A. Beard, Executive Secretary.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: The Chairman in opening the meeting extended a warm welcome to members and expressed the hope that it would be a fruitful meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 and 5 October 1979 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Lyttle/Clissold.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (1) Library: Mr Cloake reported that the changeover had gone smoothly although one or two matters relating to finance had still to be finalised. He advised that the new arrangement had settled down very well. Noted
- (2) West Coast Branch: Mr Lyttle reported on his recent visit to the West Coast. Matters relating to apiary sites in Forestry reserve areas had been discussed with members concerned. The Executive Secretary was asked to write to the local advisory office.
- (3) Rural Bank: The Chairman enquired of members if they had any knowledge of any problems in their regions. Members advised that the position was satisfactory.
- (4) Dr Don Peer - Canada: The possibility of the Association taking the initiative in inviting Dr Peer was discussed. Mr Cloake said he felt the February/March period would be mutually the best time for a visit. The Executive Committee noted that a lot of detail had to be resolved.
It was decided to discuss the matter further with Mr G. Walton later in the meeting.
- (5) Notes of Industry Meeting 1 November 1979: The notes of the meeting were tabled and it was agreed that an amendment should be made - refer page 9 and in particular to Clause 4 of the listed points. Agreed that this be amended to read -
 - (4) that the centre for export control should thus be removed from the H. M. A. by the Minister and placed by him in the hands of a competent person who already has other employment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Outward Director-General re H. M. A. election expenses. Noted

Outward to H. M. A. - (21. 8. 79) re Capital levy paid. The Executive Secretary advised that a reply from H. M. A. was really not required. Noted

Commission for the Environment - advising that they felt there was no further purpose in pursuing the road planting proposal. Received

Ministry of Agriculture - re resurfacing of inside of honey drums. The Executive noted that a reply from the Health Department was still awaited - referred to next meeting.

Food Standards Committee - re definition and specifications for honey. The Association had advised the Committee that it supported the reply given to it by Mr Grahame Walton. Noted

Scott Hardie Boys - Association solicitors advising that the Rule Amendments had now been registered. The Executive Secretary advised that he would circularise branches in January about the new procedures to be followed in future. It was recorded that a note be made in Beekeeper as well. New copies of the Rules would also be circulated in January.

Mr Grahame Walton - M. A. F. - re Common Name for Bacillus Larvae. Copies of the letter were circulated. Members of the Executive preferred the word "foul" in the common useage to be omitted. The favoured approach was "American Brood Disease" or "Bacillus Larvae", whichever is appropriate.

Executive Committee Election Paper - A sample voting paper was tabled and approved.

Mr Kevin Ecroyd - Mr Ecroyd wrote giving the Executive Committee a report on his attendance at the Athens Apimondia Bee Congress. The report was favourably received and discussed by members and it was resolved. (It was noted that the 1981 Congress would be held in Mexico.)

That Mr K. Ecroyd be thanked for his report on the Athens Bee Congress.

Department of Foreign Affairs - sending on programme for Tropical Beekeeping Congress in New Delhi in late March 1980. Received

South British Insurance Company - Advising that they would have discussions with the Executive Secretary in the near future - this interest stems from a desire of some members to obtain "cover" for certain diseases. Noted

Gazette Notice - declaring result of H. M. A. election Received

Ministry of Agriculture, Christchurch - Forwarding balance of funds from Seminar Day - \$53.25. It was noted that this credit had been credited to the Association's seminar fund. Received

Inland Revenue Debit - Taxation Allowance on Upgrading Honey Houses to conform to Health Department requisitions. The Executive noted that the letter had been circulated to Branches.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary - Minister of Agriculture - re import restrictions that apply to honey and Bee Products. The letter has been circulated to Branches. Received

Ministry of Agriculture - re importation of Pollen. This letter had also been circulated to Branches. Received

West Coast Branch - re permits for Forestry sites.
Mr S. Lyttle reported that he had discussed the matter with the members concerned and he felt the matter had been resolved. Noted

Royal N. Z. Institute of Horticulture - advising that the Diploma Course content had now been settled. Received

Parliamentary Under-Secretary to Minister of Agriculture - advising on his decision in respect of the 1978/79 Base Honey price. Members were supplied with a copy of the letter which was received.

Federated Farmers - Advising that they would advise shortly on the Association's enquiry re guidelines for the employment of labour in beekeeping industry. Further reply awaited

D. S. I. R. - re Osmia Bee Importation proposal - The correspondence relating to the matter was tabled.
The Executive had advised D. S. I. R. that it felt there should be agreement with Mr P. Clinch, the Research Officer in Bees, and that the two departments should meet to see if an agreed approach could be made. Noted

President's letter to Mr R. G. L. Talbot and Mr Talbot's reply - This correspondence concerned the 1 November general meeting of Industry bodies.
The question of the Honey Export Control was discussed and it was noted as being a matter that could be on the agenda of the next Industry group's meeting.
Mr Talbot also raised the matter of the place of an independent trading organisation.
The Executive then considered a likely date for the next meeting of the Industry Group (i. e. same basis as the 1 November meeting), and it was resolved

- (1) that Mr Talbot be replied to and advised of progress thus far, and
- (2) that the next meeting of representatives of the several industry groups be held in Wellington on Tuesday 25 March 1980 commencing at 10.30 a. m.

Mr Grahame Walton - Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture) - Mr Walton attended the meeting at this stage and he was welcomed by the Chairman.
The following matters were discussed with Mr Walton.

(i) Proposal re Dr Don Peer of Nipplewin, Canada

Mr Walton expressed the view that Dr Peer would be an excellent choice - he was a very well qualified man academically and was also a commercial beekeeper. Further, Dr Peer had association interest in co-operative marketing.

The question of suitable times for such a visit were discussed and it was agreed that first preference be February/March with the second choice mid-November.

It was resolved

that the Executive Secretary write to Dr Peer and ascertain his availability. In this matter, it was noted that the Ministry staff could assist greatly with internal travel and accommodation.

(2) Apiary Registration Districts

Mr Walton tabled a gazette notice setting out the districts that now apply.

(3) Importation of Bee Products

Mr Walton indicated that in some circumstances it could be very difficult to refuse imports when local supplies were unavailable. This applied in the case of pollen. Also some imports were required for processing for export.

The Executive Committee asked Mr Walton to keep it advised of any developments in respect of this matter.

(4) Pure Honey

Executive members raised with Mr Walton the question of the use in sales promotion of the word "Pure" honey and the slant that other honeys may not be pure.

The matter was discussed at length and it was decided to take no further action.

Mr Walton left the meeting at this stage.

Report on Otago Honey Suppliers' Meeting

Mr Lyttle reported on the meeting held in Otago. It was a good representative meeting and the principle of Beekeepers supporting a corporate marketing operation was apparent.

The meeting had decided to advise the H. M. A. that it

- (a) wished the Pleasant Point operation replaced.
- (b) that with a new Pleasant Point operation, the Auckland and Hornby units should cease operation
- (c) that the Pleasant Point proposals be re-examined
- (d) call together the committee for Pleasant Point development
- (e) that the H. M. A. act expeditiously in the Pleasant Point redevelopment
- (f) that suppliers ^{did not want to} contribute finance

The Executive discussed the matter in some detail and it was duly resolved

- (1) that the President discuss with Mr P. Berry the matters arising from the Otago Suppliers meeting
- (2) that the President also discusses with Mr P. Berry the content of Mr Talbot's letter of 10 December 1979.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts paid during October, November and part December 1979 were submitted in scheduled form for consideration.

It was duly moved

that the accounts paid in October, November and part December 1979 and covered by cheques numbered from 18571 to 12811 and amounting to \$12,463.56 be confirmed.

Lyttle/Clissold

Carried

FAREWELL TO MRS NORTON

The opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mrs Norton who had been responsible for the administration of the Association since its transfer to the Pork Industry Council.

The Chairman referred to the very high calibre of Mrs Norton's work and her helpful attitude to members. On behalf of the Executive, and members of the Association, Mr Marshall asked Mrs Norton to accept a tray as a mark of their esteem: he said all wished her a pleasant time in Auckland.

Mrs Norton suitably replied.

MR J. C. M. HOOD - Forestry Department

The Chairman welcomed Mr Hood to the meeting and thanked him for making himself available.

The relevant correspondence was a letter from the Canterbury Branch dated 15 October 1979 to which was attached a letter to Mr Hood from Mr G. Jeffery, relating to the allocation of Apiary Site licences in Forestry reserves. Other relative matters were also covered by Mr Jeffery.

Mr Hood then tabled the Department's proposed reply to Mr Jeffery, and this was discussed clause by clause.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the Executive resolved
that it record that it is satisfied that the Department's approval and reply are reasonable.

Mr Hood retired from the meeting at this stage.

GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Farm Forestry Association Conference

Resolved

that Mr A. Clissold represent the Association at the Forestry Association Conference to be held at Lake Hayes on 25 April.

(2) Nelson Branch

The Executive noted that Mr Lyttle would attend a Nelson Branch meeting at a convenient date.

(3) Viarra

It was suggested that Viarra should be included in the 1st schedule of diseases.

Resolved

that M. A. F. Be advised accordingly.

(4) Aphid Control on Lucerne

Members raised the question that the insecticide Sumicidin ten could be harmful to bees.

Resolved

that the matter be referred to Mr P. Clinch for an opinion.

NEXT MEETING

Resolved

(1) that the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held in Wellington on Wednesday 26 March 1980

(2) that the next meeting of representatives of Industry Groups

be held in Wellington on Tuesday 25 March 1980
commencing at 10.30 a.m. (Note - an agenda for this
meeting will be circulated early in February).

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed
at 4.15 p.m.

 Confirmed

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 1979

M. G. Stuckey	183.42	(Honorarium)
P. W. Marshall	141.58	"
P. A. Y. E.	175.00	"
Bulk Air	500.00	
M. D. Cloake	146.50	(Ex. C. Exes)
W. A. Clissold	63.20	"
I. Berry	6.00	"
M. G. Stuckey	29.70	"
S. J. Lyttle	11.00	"
P. Marshall	12.50	"
Agpress	1778.48	(Beekeeper)
Hotel Waterloo	232.55	(Ex. C. Accom.)
Nelson Branch	97.00	(Capitation)
Luncheon Exes - Combined Meeting	20.51	
Agpress	149.60	(Beekeeper)
Hotel Waterloo	129.77	(Ex. C. Accom.)
M. Reid	40.00	(Beekeeper)
A. Warren	18.00	
Bulkair	700.00	
Presentation P. G. N.	28.75	
Deposits & Securities	8000.00	(Investment on call)
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